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BENGALURU
The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board will be launching its ambitious Cauvery Stage V project on Wednesday which will cater to the needs of 110 villages which were added to the BBMP.

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Maharashtra, Jharkhand to hold polls in November

Maharashtra to vote on November 20, Jharkhand in two phases on November 13 and 20; a slew of bypolls, including for Wayanad, will be conducted alongside; Model Code of Conduct kicks in

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Poll mode: CEC Rajiv Kumar with Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu at a press meet in Delhi. PTI

The Maharashtra Assembly election, with 288 seats at stake, will be held on November 20, the Election Commission of India announced on Tuesday. Jharkhand will vote in two phases, with 43 constituencies going to the polls on November 13, and 38 constituencies on November 20. The votes for both Assembly elections will be counted on November 23.

Dates have also been announced for byelections to 48 Assembly seats and two parliamentary constituencies in 15 States. High-profile bypolls include the Wayanad parliamentary seat, which fell vacant after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi opted to retain Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh and give up the Kerala constituency, and Maharashtra's Nanded seat, which is empty due to the death of Congress MP Vasantrao Balwantrao Chavan.

There are about 9.63 crore eligible voters in Maharashtra and over 2.60 crore in Jharkhand, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said.

With the announcement, Model Code of Conduct (MCC) came into effect in both the States, and the constituencies where bypolls are to be held.

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CEC slams exit polls, early trends on TV channels

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Exit polls are creating a huge distortion by raising expectations that do not match the actual election results, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said on Tuesday, and called for corrective measures. He also termed as "nonsense" the practice of news channels showing early leads even before vote counting begins.

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Incessant rains disrupt life in city; holiday for schools today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A traffic policeman clearing a drain on the flooded Mysuru Road flyover on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bengaluru, which saw incessant rainfall on Tuesday following the onset of the north-east monsoon, is likely to experience moderate to heavy rainfall during the next three days.

The Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban District declared a holiday for schools on Wednesday. However, no holiday has been declared for degree, post-graduation, diploma, engineering, and ITI colleges.

Persistent rainfall throughout the day resulted in several areas and roads in the city getting flooded.

According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, water entered 142 houses, and 39 trees fell. Flooding was reported in 52 areas.

Layouts that had seen inundation in the past, such as Sri Sai Layout at Horamavu and Kendriya Vihar, an apartment near Kogilu in the Yelahanka zone, were flooded again.

A portion of Manyata Tech Park was flooded inconveniencing IT employees and others. Along Belagere Road, a school bus was stuck on the flooded road, and children screamed for help. The locals hired a tractor and rescued them.

Many arterial and sub-arterial roads in Mahadevapura, Yelahanka, and east zones, including Mahatma Gandhi Road in the Central Business District, were flooded, as were most roads in North Bengaluru. Traffic moved at a snail's pace on all sides of the Hebbal flyover throughout the day, especially during peak hours.

The downpour on Tuesday resulted in flooding of the main road leading to Kempegowda International Airport. The traffic jam led to a delay in the departure of one flight from KIA as the airline crew could not make it on time.

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The Aussies — machines with a beating heart

The Australia women's team is always up for a challenge and what a show it put on overcoming all odds, and a desperate Indian side, to go unchallenged in the group stage of the T20 World Cup

Lavanya Lakshminarayanan
SHARJAH

GETTY IMAGES

A win streak of 15 T20 World Cup games. Unbeaten in the tournament since 2020. Four wins out of four games in their pool in the current edition. A Net Run Rate in the pink of health (+2.223).

Australia is probably the one side that feels the most 'at home' in World events. This is particularly enviable in a World Cup that has thrown people and teams out of their comfort zones from the get go.

Well in control of its semifinal bid, the Aussies faced India in what was the final group game for both teams.

The cricketing gods decided to throw in a big curveball just to spice things up. Australia skipper Alyssa Healy was left walking on crutches, her right leg secured in a moon boot after picking up an acute foot injury in their win against Pakistan. Healy has been arterial to this India vs Australia rivalry over the past few years and the news of her missing out would have definitely eased a percentage, however big or small, of India's anxieties.

Grace Harris, who was dismissed for a golden duck against New Zealand in what was her only other game of the World Cup, opened alongside Beth Mooney. The latter was the designated 'keeper for the day. Darcie Brown came in for Tayla Vlaeminck, another casualty in that Pakistan game who had tragically dislocated her shoulder even before she could bowl her first ball of the tournament.

Poles apart

The energies on the field were as different as chalk and cheese. The Indians were upbeat, noisy almost. The Aussies, at the other end, were muted.

No screams, cheers. A serious huddle and a few tight hugs later, they were off to set a target for a desperate Indian side to chase. Healy hobbled in, engaging in a few last-minute chats with the bowlers.

"She's such a passionate cricketer that she wanted to be involved in every single aspect. She was in our meeting today when we were working out match-ups and that, and from all reports she was a very painful watcher who just wanted to be out there and wanted to be involved," stand-in skipper Tahlia McGrath would reveal after the game.

India faced an undesirable hiccup of its own when Asha Sobhana, who rolled her arm to warm-up just before the anthems were sung, ended up injuring her knee before the ball left her hand. Radha Yadav was sent in to take her place while the management ran the swap by the opponent.

The Aussies, hurting from injuries to their own soldiers, were happy to empathise and accommodate.

Brick by brick

Australia showed remarkable awareness of the speed limit for scoring runs at this venue. Go too fast too early and they risked a batting crash orchestrated by Renuka Singh. Mooney and Georgia Wareham fell early, which meant the air around Harris got twice as hot.

No stranger to the perils of opening, the eccentric allrounder decided to dial down the tempo. With McGrath, who promoted herself ahead of Ellyse Perry, Harris stitched a 62-run stand from 54 deliveries. The burger-loving big hitter did show glimpses of her quirky self, a gentle scoop off Pooja Vastrakar for a boundary being a fine example. Australia accelerated when there was space to, happy to capitalise on the faster deliveries to steer the ball long with more success.

Any advantage India ceded through fielding lapses and dropped catches- at least five lifelines through the innings - was at risk of being cancelled out by India's potent 12th man - the crowd.

"For us, it's almost about trying to ignore the crowd at times because they can make you seem like you're behind the game when you maybe might not be," McGrath said after the game.

The nerves of the occasion got to India too, more than once. Deepti Sharma dropped her UP Warriorz teammate Harris in the ninth over, but tested her aplenty with deliveries turning into middle and leg, cramping Harris for space.

While India allowed the Aussies room to run, there were 22 dot balls in the first seven overs. McGrath and Harris managed to step on the gas and get Australia to 65/2 at the halfway stage. As the floodlights flickered and the music blared to entertain spectators, India head coach Amol Muzumdar was in the ear of his captain and her deputy. They needed to unsettle the opponent.

Escalation

McGrath emerged from Renuka's last over, and a review for LBW, unscathed. After copping a ball to the leg, India subbed Renuka with Sajeevan Sajana, a better fielder. Strategic? Not bad at all, if it was.

Radha, who wasn't even supposed to bowl in this game, brought India a much-needed breakthrough on her third try. The first was dropped by Harmanpreet at short cover. An elevation sans distance off the next ball also landed safely beyond a diving Harmanpreet. The Aussie skipper then came down the track hoping to go big once again but missed and was stumped by Richa. No one was happier and more relieved than Harmanpreet who ran in to give Radha a tight hug.

But Australia backs power with power. Imagine the relief of watching one dangerous batter go only to see Ellyse Perry, with her glassy eyes and twirling of the bat in hand, coming to you.

Mithali Raj, calling the game on the world feed, was in the middle of explaining why Australia could touch 160 if a set batter - Harris - carried her bat when she fell, Deepti doing the honours. It was a tall ask, expecting two new batters - Perry and Ashleigh Gardner - to open the dam quickly on a surface like this.

Pooja, who got smacked down the ground for four, banked on her short ball to remove Gardner, with help from the ever-reliable Radha at cover.

Harmanpreet's acrobatics on the field worsened the discomfort in her neck (which had forced her to not field at all against Sri Lanka). From that point, Smriti took charge of the field, as her captain drooped a little due to the pain.

In the 17th over, Litchfield - going for the reverse sweep with a very switch-hit-like stance change - took a hit to the pads. Sue Redfern immediately raised her finger, Litchfield was half way back despite Perry convincing her to review. A long replay, plenty of contentions from Smriti and Deepti and some giggles from the Aussies later, the decision was overturned. Perry quickly put her arm around Litchfield. That delivery needed to be forgotten and the duo needed to go all out.

From 127/5 at the end of that over, Australia finished with 151/8 on the board. This despite three wickets falling and a quiet over from Radha. There was another dropped catch by Jemimah Rodrigues this time, when she gave Sophie Molineux a reprieve, but was quick to effect a run out seconds later.

That the total went past 150 courtesy a six off Litchfield's bat would have stung the Indian dugout further.

Harmanpreet and the Aussies

Knowing the downside of batting fourth on a wicket baking under the hot Sharjah sun for most part, Shafali Verma and Smriti started their chase with trepidation for the first over and a half. Shafali then got a move on, with a 12-run over off Megan Schutt. However, the pyrotechnics were short-lived. By the end of the PowerPlay, both openers were gone, courtesy the spin duo of Gardner and Molineux. Jemimah, too, began with aggression but could only last for 12 balls, Schutt craftily using the short ball to trigger a dismissal.

It came down to Harmanpreet and Deepti who had a mountain to climb, needing 104 runs from 78 balls.

The Australians knew what they were dealing with in Harmanpreet. No one had obsessed about her unbeaten 171 in the 2017 World Cup semi final against them more than they did. The loss that innings effected triggered a seismic shift in the way the ecosystem functioned in Australia.

Mooney, more recently, had also seen a truncated version of 'Harmonster' (as the moniker goes for when she goes on a rampage) in the WPL earlier this year when she scored an unbeaten 95 off just 48 balls for Mumbai Indians against Mooney's side Gujarat Giants.

"She controls run chases unbelievably well," McGrath said, in reflection. "When Harman's at the wicket in a run chase, you never feel fully in control because she can just go through the gears really quickly and take a game away from you."

It took eight and a half overs to break the 63-run stand between this pair when Molineux sent back Deepti. But the Indians were never completely allowed to break free. The pair had to earn their ones and twos and there were just six boundaries in this passage of play.

Richa departed cheaply yet again. Schutt was imperious in that over - the game's 17th - giving away just one run, an over McGrath would hail as crucial to the win, especially in a game that saw even the Aussies put down two catches and concede four wides and a no ball.

India needed 41 runs from 24 balls. Harmanpreet had done far more with far less. From striking at under 100 at one point, she turned the knob a few levels higher and took on Gardner, with back to back fours in the 18th over. It came down to the last over with 14 runs needed for a famous win.

If you were in the stadium, the tension - whether you were a loyalist or a neutral - felt like someone was standing on your chest.

Alas, the old tale was told once more. Nerves ruled all as India lost four wickets in six balls with Harmanpreet helplessly watching at the other end.

McGrath entrusted Annabel Sutherland with the ball. She first ripped through Pooja's stumps. Arundhati Reddy, the new batter tasked with getting her captain back on strike, sacrificed her wicket in the process. Sutherland was shrewd as she went full, allowing Harmanpreet no room to get the ball across the fence. Settle for a single, she seemed to say.

Her next delivery was wide, but a mix up in the middle saw Mooney catch Shreyanka Patil short of her crease. Radha, who came in next, walked back as quickly as she walked in courtesy a full length ball copped on the pads. All Renuka could do was a single off the last ball of the innings.

"I asked Bellsy (Sutherland) how her heart rate was after that last over and she said, 'I'm fine. I'm chill'," McGrath revealed. Great way to sum up this outfit's brand of cricket. Cool, composed, catastrophic.

Plenty of what ifs

Australia has bested India by the barest of margins one too many times in the recent past. In 2022, the Aussies denied India the joy of a Commonwealth Games gold medal by beating Harmanpreet and Co. by nine runs. Last year, India was ousted from the T20 World Cup courtesy a five-run win for Meg Lanning's Australia in the semifinal.

Perhaps that's why these defeats hurt as much as they do. A straight thrashing would give you a reality check of your standard and send you back to the drawing board with the urge to learn. But this could have been India's game. They could have been wiping their brows after securing a place in the knockouts. The list of 'what ifs' and 'if onlys' will be long and painful for a side that has come close to World Cup glory a fair number of times in the last two decades.

But this moment belongs to Australia alone. In keeping a scary win streak alive in the World Cups, getting through captaincy changes due to retirement and injury, and building a squad where anyone can step up for a trial by fire, the Aussies are the gold standard in the women's game.

They may not have had much luck on their side, or the adoration of a nearly 15,000-strong crowd. But they have the audacity of world champions to always take a challenge by its horns. They've attempted the four-peat before. Can they succeed this time? We'll have our answer soon.

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No.: CMC/CKM/15th F./CR/17/2024-25 Date: 09.10.2024

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender is invited in two cover system through e-procurement from authorised sellers/ distributors/suppliers for supply of below mentioned Machineries under 15th Finance Scheme for the year 2024-25. Those interested can submit Tenders subject to conditions.

Sl No.	Details of work	Approx. Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	E.M.D. (in Rs.)
1	DMA/2024-25/IND 3668	60.00	1,20,000/-
2	DMA/2024-25/IND 3667	65.00	1,30,000/-

Cost of Tender Form – As per e-procurement. **1.** Last date for submission of Tender in e-procurement portal: 25.10.2024 up to 17.00 Hrs. **2.** Date of opening Technical Bid: 28.10.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. **3**. Date of opening Financial Bid: 29.10.2024 at 11.00 Hrs.

Further details can be obtained during working hours of this office and from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Due to any reason, if there are any changes, they will be published only in e-procurement and will not be published in newspapers. Contractors should view them in K.P.P.Portal.

Sd/- (B.C. Sujatha Shivakumar) President, City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- (Anu Madhukar Vice President, City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- (B.C. Basavaraju, K.M.A.S.)
Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.85/ksmca/24-25/842

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (IMA & OTHER KPIDFE SCAM CASES)

Podium Block,3rd Floor, V.V Tower, Bengaluru-560001
e-mail: splocaima21@gmail.com, Phone No.080-29565353/29604556

No. SPLOCA/ADM/30/2024-25 Date: 14.10.2024

NOTIFICATION

Resume are invited from interested agencies/interested individuals to fill up the following various posts which have been sanctioned and not filled up to the Office of the Special Officer and the Competent Authority (IMA and Other KPIDFE Scam). The applications shall be submitted to the above office. **Last date of submission of Resume: 19.10.2024.**

Name of the Posts :

Sl. No	Post/ Designation	No. of Post	Maximum Contract wage per month (Actual shall depend upon qualification & Experience)	Qualification
1	Assistant Controller	1	Rs.75,330/-	Either retired from State Audit & Accounts Department or any Accounts & Audit service from Central Government, within the last 2 years in equivalent position, with minimum qualification of B. Com for Assistant controller & not above the age of 62 years or M.Com with at least 10 years' experience in accounts in any reputed Firm / Government organisation in an equivalent position
2	FDAA (First Division Accounts Assistant)	1	Rs. 39,983/-	B. Com with at least 05 years relevant experience in accounts in reputed any Firm / Government organisation. The applicant must have a sound knowledge of accounting and excellent computer knowledge as well as knowledge of Tally. M. Com with 3 Years experience in accounts shall be preferred.

The Position to be filled is a post created in the office of Special officer & Competent Authority, Financial Frauds Revenue Department Government of Karnataka vide Government Order and is renewable year on year. It is a post on contract, renewable on satisfactory performance with periodic enhancement of salary scales, **not a permanent government service.**

Sd/-
Special Officer and Competent Authority,
IMA and Other KPIDFE Cases,
Revenue Department, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2527/Zenkar/2024-25

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ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 562160
Phone : 080-27251235 Janahitha (Helpline) : 080-23108108
Web : www.channapatnacity.mrc.gov.in
E-Mail : itstaff_ulb_channapatna@yahoo.co.in

ನಂ. ನಸಚ/ಕಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/15ಎ/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14–10–2024

–: ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :–

ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ನಸಚ/ಕಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್/15/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10–10–2024 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಟರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18–10–2024ರ ಬದಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 21–10–2024
ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 21–10–2024ರ ಬದಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23–10–2024

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED (CNNL)

(A Government of Karnataka under taking)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Manchanabele Project, Division Ramanagara District, Karnataka
Email - eempdrmgm@gmail.com (080-27271259)

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 11/2024-25, Dated : 10-10-2024

The CNNL hereby invites Tender for the Road and other Development works under 4701 head through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal. The last date for tender submission, opening of Technical Bid, Financial Bid and Pre-Bid Meeting date, EMD details and more information can be downloaded from the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal and for further information please visit office at working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.P. Division, CNNL, Ramanagara

CHANGE OF NAME

I, S Prabhudev S/o N G Sanganabasappa, R/@ No. 313, DS MAX Sundale Apartment, Kodipalya, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060 do hereby solemnly state that relinquishing my old name **PRABHUDEVA J S** I am assuming my new name **S PRABHUDEV** and will continue with my new name for all purpose vide affidavit dated 15.10.2024 sworn to Notary Ravi.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. CN/02/2024 Dated: 08.10.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Open Tender through IREPS only for supply of following item:

Description in Brief: 3 core x 400 sq.mm 6.35/11 KV Grade 90 Deg. C rating heavy duty power cable XLPE insulated. Cable should be as per IS 7098 Part-II etc. **(Qty: 7000 mtrs.) (Tender No. 95245439)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 04.11.2024**

For details log on:www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Materials Manager/Construction Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/495/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHANNAPATNA

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No. CMC/CPT/ENG/TENDER/CR/15/2024-25 Dated : 10-10-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

City Municipal Council, Channapatna invites tenders from PWD registered eligible Contractors enrolled in KPPP in **two** cover system in accordance with KW-3 standard bid document through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For the indents **1) 26930/CALL-3, 2) 26936/CALL-3, 3) 26948/CALL-3, 4) 26950/CALL-3, 5) 26862/CALL-3, 6) 26868/CALL-3, 7) 26869/CALL-3** at CHANNAPATNA CMC limits, last date for submission of tender is on 18-10-2024 upto 5:30 PM EMD Details can be referred at KPP Portal. Date of opening Technical bid is Scheduled on 21-10-2024 at 10.30 A.M. For further details interested bidders may contact technical section during office hours at Channapatna CMC office. The detailed tender notification can be viewed in website **www.channapatnacity.mrc.gov.in**

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, CMC, Channapatna.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal Only)

Bids are invited in two-cover system through e-procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the following works.

(Ballari Thermal Power Station)

Sl. No.	Name of work	Last date for receipt of tenders
1	**No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2033 Date: 04.10.2024 :** Cleaning, clearing and transportation of spilled / fallen ash of complete ash handling plant including silos and its surrounding area of AHP Unit-3 at BTPS. **EMD :** Rs. 112.03 Lakhs	04.11.2024 upto 17.00 Hrs
2	**No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2039 Date: 04.10.2024** : Cleaning, clearing and transportation of spilled/fallen ash of complete ash handling plant including silo and surrounding area of AHP unit 2 at BTPS for a period of one year. **EMD :** Rs. 97.56 Lakhs	05.11.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs
3	**No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2040 Date: 05.10.2024** : Cleaning and clearing removal of spilled / fallen / poked/breakdown ash from ESP, Bottom Ash and silos area & up keeping of unit-1 AHP area at BTPS for a period of one year. Total Amount put to tender: Ra 1,28,31,746/- (excluding of GST) **EMD :** Rs. 2,00,000/-	05.11.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs
4	**No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2042 Date: 05.10.2024** : Technical audit & rectification of sway of belt conveyors at CHP BTPS. **EMD :** Rs. 1,12,000/-	21.10.2024 upto 17.00 Hrs
	(Raichur Thermal Power Station)	
5	**No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2005 Date: 04.10.2024** : Providing erection, painting and commissioning of valves and pipelines at bottom ash area of Unit 8 of AHP-2." of RTPS.	18.10.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs

Tender documents may be downloaded from the GoK Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from **(For Sl. No. 1)** Office of The **Executive Engineer (AHP)-2.** Mobile No: 9448290768. **(For Sl. No. 2 & 3)** Office of The **Executive Engineer (AHP)-1.** Mobile No: 9448290768. **(For Sl. No. 4)** Office of The **Executive Engineer (CHP) Mechanical-1.** Mobile No: 9448290756, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152, Ballari (Dist). **(For Sl. No. 5)** Office of The **Executive Engineer (AHP)-2** Mobile No: 9449596551. RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar, Raichur (Dist).

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-5/Tender Notification/2024-25/3701 Date:10.10.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (02) Works under MLA LAD and DMF 8443 DCW for indent No **15959 and 15775**, 2) Estimate cost: **Min Rs. 10.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 517.27 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class IV and above PWD Registered contractor, 4) EMD Amount: Mini Rs. 21,500.00 and Max. Rs. 6,52,000.00, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting: **25.10.2024 (11.00 Hrs),** 6) Last date for queries: **28.10.2024 (17.30 Hrs)**, 7) Last date for Submission of bid: **29.10.2024 (16.30 Hrs),** 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **30.10.2024 (16.30 Hrs),** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **04.11.2024 (16.30 Hrs)**, 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Note: GST Will be Paid Separately, 12) Website: **WWW.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in**, 13) Bidders Should Note That : **Note:** 1)Undersigned reserves the right to Cancel / Postpone/ Reject any or all the tenders at any point of time during tender process without assigning any reason. 2) Changes in the tender process will not be Published in the News Papers Bidders may get Details of Changes In KPPP Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/523/KSMC&A/2024-25

TENDER CUM AUCTION

THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT TRAINING CENTRE

JC NAGAR, BANGALORE-560006.

ALLOTMENT OF REGIMENTAL SHOPS

1. Sealed tenders are invited from interested War Widow / Widows of Defence Personnel Killed While on Duty / Disabled Soldiers / Ex-servicemen & Spouses / Widows of Ex-Servicemen subject to license period for a period of Eleven Months for running below mentioned Regimental Shops at the Parachute Regiment Training Centre, JC Nagar, Bangalore:

Sl. No.	Name of Shop	No. of Shops	Location	Remarks
(a)	Travel Agency	01	Near CSD	
(b)	Stationary Bakery & Gift Shop	01	Shopping Complex	
(c)	Stationary & Gift Shop	01	Vasanth Enclave	

2. Application form including terms & Conditions for running of above mentioned Regimental Shop can be obtained from the Presiding Officer (Library, PRTC) at the cost of Rs 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) each from 0900 hours to 1400 hours on all working days till 22 Oct. 2024. **Last date of submission of application form is 26 Oct. 2024.**
3. Interested parties can go around the shop(s) with prior permission from authority's before last date of submission of application form.
4. Bids are invited to be posted in tender box after which eligible candidates will bid in auction. Policies in vogue are applicable. Photocopy of supporting documents will be posted in tender box and original will be carried for auction.
5. Six months advance of monthly rebate of shop as a interest free refundable security amount will be deposited at the time of taking possession. If the licensee fails to run the alloted shop and vacates before the date of agreement refundable security deposit of six months will be forfeited.
6. The application will be enfaced with **"Application for Allotment of Regimental Shop"** on the envelope at the time of submission.

The Application shall be submitted to:

DEPUTY COMMANDANT
The Parachute Regiment Training Centre, JC Nagar, Bangalore-560006.

City to see rainfall for next three days: IMD

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru, which saw incessant rainfall on Tuesday following the onset of the north-east monsoon, is likely to experience moderate to heavy rainfall during the next three days.

C.S. Patil, scientist and director, India Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru, said the city is very likely to experience moderate to heavy rainfall during the next three days.

"The south-west monsoon withdrew from Karnataka on October 15. Simultaneously, the north-east monsoon rainfall activity has commenced over the south-east peninsular today [Tuesday]. A well marked low-pressure area lies over the central part of the south Bay of Bengal. It is likely to move towards north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coasts during subsequent 24 hours. Under the influence of this system, coastal Karnataka and south-interior Karnataka are likely to experience widespread rainfall and north-interior Karnataka is very likely to experience fairly widespread rainfall from October 15 to 18 ," said Mr. Patil.

The IMD further said that the maximum and minimum temperatures in Bengaluru are very likely to be around 22 degrees Celsius and 20 degrees Celsius respectively on Wednesday.

According to the IMD, Bengaluru received 59.8 mm rainfall, HAL airport received 80.1 mm rainfall, and the Kempegowda International Airport received 4.2 mm rainfall till 5.30 pm. on Tuesday.

A landslip that occurred at a construction site near Manyata tech park. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Riders on the storm: Motorists making their way through a flooded M.G. Road on Tuesday. The city saw incessant rainfall following the onset of the north-east monsoon. K. MURALI KUMAR

Heavy rainfall brings city to its knees

According to BBMP data, water entered 142 houses and 39 trees fell

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Incessant rainfall throughout the day brought Bengaluru to its knees on Tuesday with several areas and roads flooded, causing inconvenience to the citizens.

According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, the civic body, along with disaster management staff, cleared flooding in 102 houses. According to data shared by the BBMP, water entered 142 houses and 39 trees fell. The BBMP has cleared 26 trees. Flooding was reported from 52 areas in the city.

In Sri Sai Layout at Horamavu, water entered several houses. Neelufar Ahmad, whose house was flooded, told *The Hindu*: "Flooding has been recurring for the past three years. Despite the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister visiting the place and promising a solution, nothing has happened. If the rains continue, the situation will worsen. Many residents have moved outside."

Kendriya Vihar, an apartment near Kogilu in Yelahanka zone, was flooded again. The water entered the premises of the apartment, flooding the basement, and the entrance.

Trees got uprooted in many parts of Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A portion of plush Manyata Tech Park was flooded as IT employees and others using the road inside the park found it hard to navigate through the flooded stretch. While the intensity of the rains was not heavy, the showers that poured through the day since the early hours caused flooding.

Along Belagere Road, a school bus was stuck on the flooded road and children were screaming for help. The locals who saw them hired a tractor and rescued them. The bus was towed to a safer place and later the children were deboarded.

Many arterial and sub-arterial roads in Mahadevapura, Yelahanka, and East zones, including Mahatma Gandhi Road in Central Business District (CBD) area were flooded, as was most roads in North Bengaluru.

Traffic moved at a snail's pace on all sides of Hebbal flyover throughout the day, especially during peak hours. Students, especially those who take public transport, struggled in the afternoon to get from their educational institutions to bus stops, some of which did not even have shelters. The visibility on the road had also slightly reduced.

Bellandur Lake Road that is riddled with potholes was flooded and motorists had halted for some time unable to navigate. The water was about four feet deep on the road. RGA Park Road was also flooded.

In front of Cubbon Park, a slab of a manhole opened resulting in overflowing of sewage. At Panathur railway underpass at S. Cross Road owing to severe flooding, a few vehicles were stuck as water entered the silencer tubes.

Holiday declared today for schools in Bengaluru Urban

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban has declared a holiday for schools on Wednesday. However, no holiday has been declared for degree, post-graduate, diploma, engineering, and ITI colleges.

G. Jagadeesh, Deputy Commissioner, issued a circular on Tuesday that as per the India Metrological Department's orange alert forecast on Wednesday and Thursday, a holiday has been declared on Wednesday in all taluks' anganwadi centres and schools.

He also instructed educational institutions to make up for the lack of learning time by holding extra classes on Saturday afternoons or Sundays.

Meanwhile, some schools have decided to switch to the online mode instead of extra classes. Delhi Public Schools decided to switch to online classes for students of kindergarten to class 12 on Wednesday to ensure the safety of students.

"This decision has been made to prioritise their well-being and to mitigate any disruption caused by the adverse weather conditions. Details of the online classes will be shared by the respective class teachers in the official class WhatsApp groups," said a statement from Delhi Public School-North.

On Tuesday, attendance of students in schools and colleges in Bengaluru was low. SUDHAKARA JAIN

On Tuesday, attendance of students in schools and colleges in Bengaluru was low following the incessant rains. As the downpour continued in the morning, students struggled to step out of their houses to go to schools and colleges.

Owing to Dasara holidays, many State-board government and private schools are set to resume classes from October 21. Hence, only institutions under Central boards functioned.

Owing to the rainfall, most parents took their children to school in their own vehicles. Slow-moving traffic in the city limits saw school vehicles getting stuck in traffic. As a result, children arrived late in some schools.

"Every day I used to send my son to school by auto. But even the auto did not come today because of the continuous rain. So, I dropped him off to school in the car," said Harikumar, a parent from Banashankari II Stage.

"The number of students attending classes is low due to the heavy rains. Fewer number of students have come even in school vehicles. The rains may stop in the afternoon. We will continue to take classes for the students who have come," said the headmistress of a private school in Basavanagudi.

The number of students who turned up to colleges, including pre-university colleges, degree, engineering and others institutions across the city, was also low.

"Induction programmes for my daughter, who has been admitted to first year engineering course this year, began on Monday, and regular classes will start on Wednesday. So I took her in an auto in the rain and dropped her to college," said Mahalakshmi, a parent from Vijayanagar.

With crew struck in traffic, one flight delayed at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Incessant rainfall on Tuesday resulted in heavy flooding on the main road leading to the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

The Bengaluru Traffic Police issued an advisory stating that there was heavy flooding on KIA Road (Bellary Road) at Hunasamaranahalli.

It added that traffic towards the airport was severely affected and requested commuters to plan their travel accordingly and use alternative routes.

A traffic jam led to a delay in the departure of one flight as the airline crew could not make it on time. "One flight was delayed for about 30 minutes as the crew was stuck in traffic. Apart from that, two other flights were delayed for a few minutes. However, there were no significant delays as we consider a flight to be delayed only if its departure is delayed by over 30 minutes. Hence, only one flight was delayed," said airport sources.

Though there were long traffic jams, airport sources said there were no significant delays owing to the late arrival of passengers.

"As advisories were issued in advance, many passengers arrived at the airport well within the stipulated time," sources said.

A woman braving the downpour on Mysuru Road. K. MURALI KUMAR

Cab, auto rides became sparse and expensive

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Incessant rains on Tuesday left many commuters scouring through apps to get a ride, especially in the peak hours of morning and evening as prices surged owing to high demand. Autorickshaw fares were relatively cheaper while cab fares almost doubled.

"I tried three apps around 9.30 a.m. to secure a ride from Yelahanka to south Bengaluru. Even then, the fare was almost double than usual, and it took me two hours to reach my destination," said Ravi Kumar from Yelahanka.

While fares reduced in the afternoon, availability remained a problem. "I had to travel to Chennai and my train was at 2.20 p.m. from Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna station. I was in the eastern part of the city and tried booking an auto and cab for half an hour and despite choosing the surge pricing and tip options, I still could not find a cab and had to be dropped off to a metro station by a relative," said Gayana.

Vehicles ply through a flooded street following the rains. AFP

"During the peak hour today (Tuesday), I was active on three ride-hailing apps, and every minute, I received an unprecedented number of booking requests on all three apps. With rain in the morning and with the risk of flooding, many did not want to take out their vehicles and hence booked rides," said Pradeepa, an autorickshaw driver on Tuesday.

With many opting to work from home and parents picking up their children from schools and colleges, metro commuters said trains were less crowded. Buses, on the other hand, were full as usual.

It's home sweet home for many office-goers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As consistent rains flooded several roads in Bengaluru, office-goers found their commute a tougher-than-usual ordeal on Tuesday.

While it took several hours for many to cover a few kilometres, others found it hard to find rides on auto/cab aggregators. Those who had flexible work policies made use of it and decided to stay home.

"I had to go to the workplace owing to the office mandate. It took me an hour to cover 3.5 km to office," says Praveen (name changed) who works with a major IT services provider in Electronics City.

According to him, although the roads in the area saw no flooding, more commuters chose to take out their cars, adding to the congestion on small roads and near traffic signals.

Meera (name changed), an engineer who works with an MNC on ORR, had to make her way to the office wading through water.

Many office-goers found their commute a tougher-than-usual ordeal on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

"We face difficulties every day while commuting to work. Today being exceptionally difficult was the only difference. There was flooding, and traffic was hardly moving," she said.

Kartik, who works in one of the GCCs along ORR, decided to work from home after finding himself in a foot-high water on HAL Road previously on a rainy day.

"We work from the office three days a week. Today, the entire team of five in Bengaluru decided to work from home considering the anticipated increase in traffic owing to rains," he said.

Santhosh Shetty, who resides in Sanjaynagar and works at a manufacturing company in Rajajinagar, struggled with finding a ride to the office.

"I had given my two-wheeler for servicing. So, I had to look for a cab, but nothing was available for about half an hour," said Mr. Shetty who finally managed to find a ride at a high price on one of the aggregator platforms.

Nirmal Jacob, who works at an electrical manufacturing company, took about 2.5 hours to commute from Hoskote to Millers Road by public transport.

"Bus from Katamnallur to Tin Factory took about 1.5 hours. From there, taking a metro and then a rickshaw took about 1 hour," he said.

With the meteorological department issuing a red alert for the city, Karnataka Innovation & Technology Society (KITS), the implementing agency for Department of Information Technology and Biotechnology, issued an advisory recommending IT, BT and private companies to permit their employees to work from home on Wednesday.

Following this, several companies issued work-from-home circulars for their employees for a day or two. A few others advised the employees experiencing travel constraints to exercise discretion and decide to work from home after consulting with their line managers.

"Our CEO offered us a drop and also asked everyone to leave early," said Sivaprasad who works at Avanti Finance Pvt. Ltd. near New Thippasandra.

A spokesperon from The Outer Ring Road Companies' Association said that the police is working with the companies and associations to give the right advisories to people and ease out the traffic.

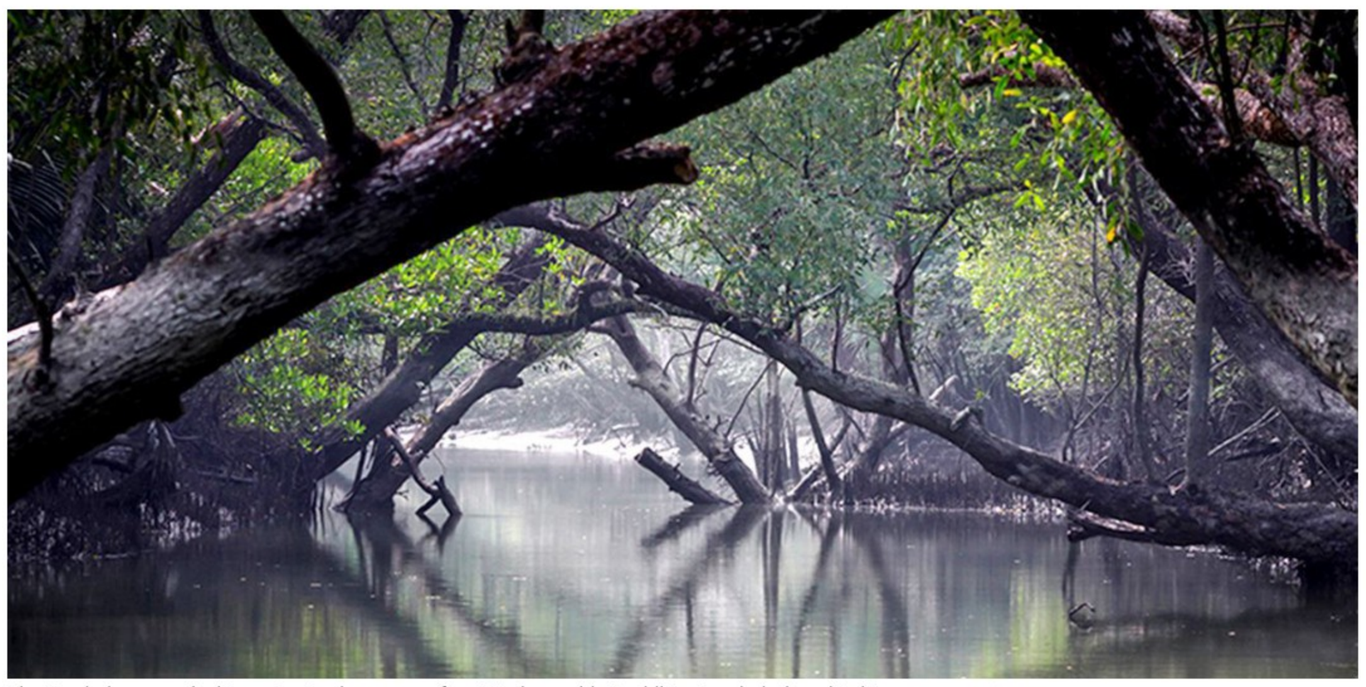
Coastal flooding harms different tree species differently: study

New findings can help forest managers understand how much risk a coastal forest faces due to tidal flooding by inventorying what species are there and recording conditions specific to that site. This way, they can avoid prioritising species that face less risk while being too late to save others in more danger

Madhurima Pattanayak

Global warming is raising sea levels and making flooding more common in some areas. Researchers have held both of these effects, among others, responsible for discouraging the growth of plants of many tree species in coastal areas. But a new study by researchers at Drexel University in Philadelphia and the Northern University of Arizona has called for a pause in this thinking.

The study paper, published in the journal *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change* on August 28, has reported that a rising sea and coastal flooding could actually enhance the resilience of some coastal tree species while being detrimental to others.



The Sundarbans are the biggest natural mangrove forest in the world, straddling Bangladesh and India. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Trees respond quickly

How well trees grow in a place depends on the place's ambient temperature, average rainfall, soil health, access to water with the appropriate qualities, and the location of other vegetation nearby, among other factors. Trees can respond fairly quickly to these changes, too. For example, even as sea levels are rising by a few millimetres a year, many species of coastal trees have started to move further inland, where the tides are lower and the salinity is more tolerable – but also where other conditions may be more inhospitable.

The study's authors, LeeAnn Haaf and Salli F. Dymond, previously studied coastal forests in the Delaware Bay in the U.S. state of Delaware and the Barnegat Bay in New Jersey. In a paper published in 2021, they reported that different plant species here responded differently when exposed to rising seas and repeated coastal flooding.

"In our recent study, we found species – and site – specific patterns related to sea level rise, temperature, and precipitation pattern, (associated to tree growth), and that also extends to how those factors change with climate change," Haaf, an environmental scientist at Drexel University, said.

One species in particular, the American holly (*Ilex opaca*), responded to more water in its surroundings by increasing the rate at which it grew – while loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) and pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*) trees suffered under higher water levels.

Tracking the rings

In the new study, Haaf and Dymond used a method called dendrochronology to understand how trees grew in response to specific conditions. In dendrochronology, scientists estimate when a tree formed a particular tree ring and, based on that, develop a time-wise correlation between a climatic condition and the tree's response.

They wrote in their paper that they compared changes in "environmental conditions" to the growth of American holly, loblolly pine, and pitch pine trees in the Delaware and Barnegat Bays. They also used "gradient boosted linear regression, a machine-learning approach ... to investigate tree growth responses across gradients in temperature, precipitation, and tidal water levels."

In this way, Haaf and Dymond assessed whether tree rings became larger or smaller as each natural condition varied over time.

Gradient-boosted linear regression

The tree rings consist of water vessels. When a tree is exposed to a lot of rain along with appropriate levels of sunlight and ambient temperature, it also develops more water vessels. But a heavy downpour and a deluge would disrupt this process altogether and prevent the plant from growing normally. So thicker rings signify abundant tree growth, while thinner ones mean stunted growth. And because older rings remain at the centre of the tree trunk and newer ones near the periphery, dendrochronology can help provide timestamps for climatic conditions in the past.

Gradient-boosted linear regression is a machine-learning model used to understand patterns in tree rings. It helps by estimating the effects of a combination of forces acting on a system. Such problems are too complicated for techniques like a correlation test that indicate how closely the changes in the values of only two variables are related and overlook interactions between variables that cause other effects. Pratik Karmakar, a computer science researcher at the National University of Singapore who wasn't involved in the study, said "the gradient-boosted linear regression model of machine learning is an appropriate method used in this study."

> As climates change and sea levels rise, some sites or species may confer benefits to growth, whereas other sites may experience conditions that reduce growth

While the data are specific to the mid-Atlantic region, the "methods would certainly work in any temperature location in the world," Haaf said.

She added that the correlation with temperature, precipitation, and sea level may not be significant everywhere – "but I think that is part of understanding how at-risk forests are."

Sea-level rise accelerating

Sea levels were increasing by around 2 mm/year in 1993. This rate has since doubled, and climate researchers expect floods in coastal areas will increase threefold by 2050 and the average number of days of flooding will increase twofold. Haaf continued, "Our study can help forest managers understand how at-risk a coastal forest is to tidal flooding by inventorying what species are there and considering other conditions specific to that site." For example, some temperate coastal forests are predominantly loblolly. "Such forests may do better than others as temperature rises, so these forests may not need to be prioritised yet."

More than three billion people worldwide live near the coast and depend on coastal ecosystems' services to meet many of their needs, including livelihoods. Conserving coastal vegetation is thus valuable.

'Site-specific mechanisms'

The new study highlights the coastal plant conservation strategies that currently emphasise sea level rise and coastal inundation and need amendments to take other weather and soil factors into account."As climates change and sea levels rise, some sites or species may confer benefits to growth, whereas other sites may experience conditions that reduce growth," the researchers wrote in their paper.

"Site-specificity of results underscores the importance of local conditions on tree growth in coastal forests. To aid future management efforts, future research should examine site-specific mechanisms and explore non-linear relationships that may contribute to tree responses to climate and tidal flooding."

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THE GIST

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BIG SHOT

A palaeontologist from the Federal University of Santa Maria in Brazil displaying a fossil called *Gondwanax paraisensis* on October 9. Alongside is a contemporary fossil of *Prestosuchus chiniquensis*, a species that lived 237 million years ago. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Why motion or height unsettles you

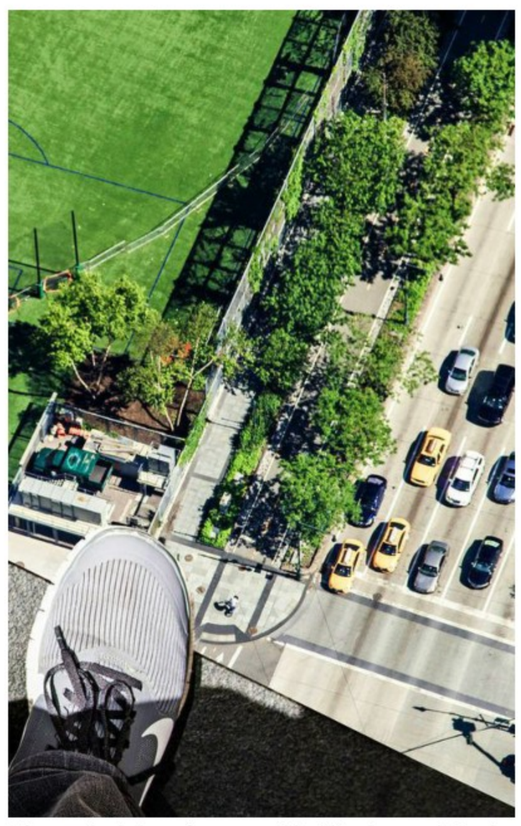
Q.What induces vomiting when we travel or look down from a height?

A: Giddiness occurs when we lose our sense of balance. Sensations perceived by the eye, the inner ear, the skin, the muscles, and joints help the body to know whether it is stable.

Several unusual situations, such as travelling in a bus or looking down from a great height, overstimulate and confuse the part of the brain that controls balancing. This part is close to the part that induces vomiting.

When we look down from a great height, abnormal visual signs are transmitted to the brain without any corresponding information from other parts of the body. Likewise, while looking out in a fixed direction while travelling in a bus, the eye sends rapidly changing visual signals to the brain. Such signals confuse the mechanism in the brain, leading to giddiness and vomiting.

– B. Kavitha, Chennai



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Munirathna granted bail in rape case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After nearly a month's stay in central prison, the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former present MPs and MLAs granted conditional bail to Munirathna, Rajarajeshwarinagar MLA, on Tuesday in a rape case.

Munirathna was arrested by the Kaggalipura police on September 21, minutes after he stepped out of the Bengaluru prison on bail after spending three days in judicial custody in connection with an SC/ST atrocity case.

While granting the bail on a personal bond of ₹1 lakh with two sureties, the court directed him not to hamper with the investigation and to co-operate with the investigators.

The court also granted anticipatory bail to the other accused in the case, identified as Lohit, Kiran, and Manjunath, who were booked on the charge of abetting Munirathna in executing the crime.

Munirathna was arrested by the Kaggalipura police on a complaint filed by a 40-year-old social worker accusing him of raping her on multiple occasions, blackmailing and threatening her with dire consequences.

The police made the complainant undergo a medical examination and later recorded her confession statement before a magistrate. The police also visited a godown, where the woman claimed that Munirathna allegedly assaulted her sexually.

This was the third criminal case against Munirathna since September 13.

Investment scam busted, bank manager held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following an online trading scam case, the cyber crime police have arrested a gang of eight people, including the manager of a private bank and two of his sales team members, for allegedly helping the cyber fraud to open and operate mule accounts.

The arrests were based on a complaint by a businessman from Yelahanka who had invested ₹1.5 crore of his life savings after he was lured with high returns from March to June this year.

Even though the fake website showed that his investment details had earned a profit of ₹28 crore in a span of four months, he could not withdraw it.

After repeated attempts, he was told to deposit ₹75 lakh as fee towards withdrawal of the amount.

Suspecting something fishy, the victim approached the police.

A team of police tracked down the transactions to four accounts from a private bank in Bengaluru and arrested four account holders, including a woman from Chikkamagaluru town.

The account holder told the police that they had been helped by Manohar, sales manager of the private bank, and his assistants Karthik and Rakesh, to open the account without proper verification of the documents. Further probe revealed that the accused had also allegedly roped in bank manager Kishore Sahu, offering him commission on every transaction.

Based on their confession, the police arrested the bank manager and his sales team for not doing due diligence while opening the accounts in their bank .

Kingpin

The kingpin of the scam hails from Chikkamagaluru and is presently operating from Dubai with the help of Manohar, who is his old acquaintance, said the police.

The kingpin would also share part of the money as commission with Manohar on every transaction, they added.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The Chinese nationals arrested in Sri Lanka in cybercrime raids

230 Sri Lankan police have arrested more than two hundred Chinese men, accused of targeting international banks in online scams, with help from the security officials sent by Beijing. AFP

The decrease in irregular EU border crossings

42 In per cent. The biggest falls in irregular crossings into the EU were along the route through the western Balkans (down 79%) and the central Mediterranean (down 64%), while crossings had doubled from Africa. AFP

The number of children displaced in Lebanon

4 In lakh. The UN children's agency warned of a "lost generation" in the small country grappling with multiple crises and are now in the middle of a war. The fighting has driven 1.2 million people from their homes. AP

Number of eligible voters in Maharashtra and Jharkhand

12.23 In crore. Polls in Maharashtra will be held in a single phase while in Jharkhand it will be in two. There are 9.63 crore voters in Maharashtra and 2.6 crore in Jharkhand. PTI

Israel's GDP growth revised down due to war in Gaza

0.3 In per cent. Israel's economy grew slower in the second quarter than expected as the country's war in Gaza continues to take an economic toll. REUTERS

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A Nobel for explaining why nations fail

According to the three Nobel prize winners, why are some countries rich and some others poor? What is the difference between 'inclusive' and 'extractive' institutions? Why did colonial powers set up extractive systems in some colonies and inclusive ones in others?

EXPLAINER

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:
The 2024 Economics Nobel prize was awarded to U.S. economists Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson on Monday "for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity." The prize committee credited the winners for enhancing our understanding of the root causes of why countries fail or succeed.

What is their work's significance?
Why are some countries rich while others are poor is a question that has been debated by economists for a long time now. According to the Nobel committee, the richest 20% of countries in the world today are 30 times richer in terms of average income than the poorest 20%. Ever since the Industrial revolution led to the "Great Divergence" in living standards between the East and the West, various theories have been proposed to explain the huge difference in living standards in rich versus poor countries.

Some blame Western colonialism as the primary reason for the Western world's prosperity even today. Other scholars have argued that disparities in natural resource endowment explains differences in economic prosperity across countries. Some others have argued that intelligence and even historical accidents could explain a nation's fate.

The 2024 Nobel laureates, however, have argued that differences in the quality of economic and political institutions is what best explains the divergence in the economic fates of countries. This thesis is most famously elaborated in the 2012 book *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* written by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson, and also in the 2004 paper 'Institutions as a Fundamental Cause of Long-Run Growth', written together by all three of this year's Nobel laureates.

Rules of the game: Members of the Nobel Assembly announce the Swedish Riksbank's prize in economic sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel 2024 in Stockholm, Sweden on October 14. REUTERS

Why is the quality of institutions so important?
According to Douglass North, a Nobel laureate and a pioneer of New Institutional Economics, institutions are the "rules of the game" that define the incentives of human individuals. For example, institutions that stop the state from seizing the property of honest citizens would give ordinary citizens the incentive to work hard without the fear of expropriation and that in turn would lead to general economic prosperity. Institutions that legalise expropriation, on the other hand, would affect individual incentives negatively and cause economic stagnation.

Now, Acemoglu and Johnson argued in their book that institutions can either be "inclusive" or "extractive". Inclusive institutions are characterised by secure private property rights and democracy while extractive institutions are marked by insecure private property rights and the lack of political freedom. They tried to empirically demonstrate that inclusive institutions lead to long-run economic growth and higher living standards while extractive institutions lead to economic degradation and poverty.

To this end, they studied the kinds of institutions that colonists set up in different colonies and the impact that this had on the long-term economic fate of these colonies. When a colonial power did not want to settle in a certain country for various reasons (such as higher mortality rates due to geography), it set up institutions that were extractive in nature and inimical to long-term economic growth. This may have been the case in India where the British set up institutions that were mostly devised to plunder resources within a short span of time rather than promote long-term economic growth. But in countries where colonists wanted to settle for the long-run, they set up inclusive institutions that encouraged investment and long-term economic growth over short-term plunder. This may have been the case in the U.S. where the British set up inclusive institutions that promoted long-term economic prosperity.

It should be noted that institutions can also include factors like culture, which influence the more explicit "rules of the game" expressed by political and economic institutions.

Why don't we have more inclusive institutions?
The Nobel laureates have also shed light on why inclusive institutions, which are found to be extremely important for long-term economic growth, have not been adopted by more countries in the world. They attribute this to the different choices that rulers face in their respective countries. When the rulers of a country are able to safely extract sufficient resources for their personal gains through extractive institutions, the laureates argue, they have little reason to bring in political and economic reforms (or inclusive institutions) that can benefit the wider population over the long run. In such cases, extractive institutions may prevail for a really long time as long as the masses do not revolt against the status quo. But if there is a real threat of a popular uprising against extractive institutions, at least some rulers may decide to yield to popular demand and reluctantly set up more inclusive institutions which aid economic growth.

THE GIST

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On the need to make more containers to boost trade

Does India have a shortage of containers for the swift transport of goods?

N. Bhanu Prakash

The story so far:
India's rapid trade growth is planned around the containerised transport of goods. However, there is a key logistical bottleneck. India just does not make enough containers.

How important are containers?
Containers can seamlessly be transported via rail, ship and road. It revolutionised world trade by rapidly cutting transportation time, port delays and so on. It can be said that the untold story of swift trade movements that have enabled globalisation is actually the containerisation of goods. Container boxes are standardised in dimensions and cargo-carrying capacities. Once the cargo is stuffed inside the container and sealed, the boxes can be moved over long distances without any disturbance.

What is the scene in India?
India has sought to increase container handling capacity in various ports to boost exports. Ambitious new ventures such as the Vadhavan and Galathea Bay ports as well as the multimodal India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor are built around containers. India's container market is expected to more than double from 11.4 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) in 2023 to 26.6 million TEU by 2028.

India manufactures around 10,000 to 30,000 container boxes a year and this production can support only a fraction of the projected doubling. China, in comparison, manufactures 2.5 to 3 million container boxes per year. In India, it takes $3,500 to $4,800 to make one container whereas in China it costs $2,500 and $3,500. India therefore has to lease the container boxes, mostly from China. All our plans for ramping up trade are put at risk by inadequate container production within India. Moreover, shortage of containers often jacks up freight rates in the country, with congestion at Indian ports also increasing. Indian ports are at a strategic location on the East-West trade route but cannot aspire to be hub ports because of container shortage. As a result, Colombo, Dubai and Hong Kong draw mother ship traffic, not Indian ports. Indian shippers are forced to depend on short distance feeder vessels where the providers of containers do not see much business and profits. This in turn, leads to higher tariff for our shippers.

The crisis in West Asia often casts a shadow on ship traffic through Suez Canal. Circumnavigating Africa lengthens voyages by 10 to 15 days and container availability takes a hit as a result. The Russia-Ukraine war has led to closure of some ports, changes in routes and insurance costs, as well as enhanced container freight rates. Piracy has also increased freight costs. In these conditions, it makes sense to build a large and secure supply of container boxes.

What can the government do?
The government has come up with Make In India initiatives to promote indigenous production of container boxes either in PPP mode between the Container Corporation of India and private players or by directly incentivising private production. Direct subsidy and viability gap funding are two support measures available with the government.

A few more measures can help. A reduction in the charges of repositioning and storing empty containers can help ease the shortage of containers. Enhancing container yard capacities at Indian ports can promote business. The key would be to ensure that when scaled up, the cost of production comes down to global levels. The government has mulled Production Linked Incentives (PLI) but they need to be implemented.

Incentives, including relaxation of GST to the manufacturers of raw materials required for containers will help in reducing input costs of container production. Incentives to Indian shippers using Indian containers and facilitating long-term contracts between shippers and Indian container manufacturers can build market confidence. Mandating the use of Indian-made containers enhances domestic demand resulting in better prospects for the sector. The development of a tracking and tracing mechanism of containers through a Unified Logistics Interface Platform and Logistics Data Bank by the government can reduce the turnaround time of export containers and ease their shortage.

N. Bhanu Prakash heads the School of Maritime Management at the Indian Maritime University, Visakhapatnam.

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Kodagu braces up for Cauvery Teerthodbhava on October 17

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Kodagu is gearing up for the annual Cauvery Teerthodbhava which will take place on October 17 at 7.40 a.m.

The event marks the sudden surge in water which sprouts from the Brahmakundike to witness which thousands of people from across the State and even Tamil Nadu congregate and take a dip in the spring.

The district administration has made all preparations for the Cauvery Tula Sankramana and the Bhagandeshwara temple authorities initiated various rituals associated with the event on September 26.

Rituals held

In addition a series of rituals were held on October 4 and 14 in the runup to the Cauvery Teerthodbhava.

The temple authorities have also announced a ban on use of plastic in view of environmental concerns. There is a practice among devotees to fill water in plastic cans and carry it home but the temple management has urged the public to use eco-friendly alternatives instead.

Though Cauvery Teerthodbhava tends to take place late in the night, this year the event is slated to occur at 7.40 a.m as per the almanac and hence the authorities expect a surge in the number of devotees who will congregate to witness the event.

Security has been beefed in and around Talacauvery by the police and scores of CCTV cameras have been installed for monitoring the crowd. Drinking water facilities, mobile toilets etc have been provided while medical team with ambulance to handle any emergency is also being deployed.

To cope with the projected rush, additional buses will ply from different parts of Kodagu to facilitate devotees to reach Talacauvery which is the source of the river Cauvery.

Over 3,000 attend Mental Health Santhe organised by NIMHANS

NIMHANS director Pratima Murthy says event aims to promote mental health awareness, address stigma, and encourage open dialogue on mental health and suicide prevention

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Over 3,000 persons, including mental health professionals, caregivers, students, and the public, attended Mental Health Santhe 3.0 organised by NIMHANS on Tuesday in Bengaluru.

The santhe showcased innovative mental health and suicide prevention interventions, research findings, and support systems designed to address the growing challenges of these areas.

Over 70 stalls

Over 70 stalls were put up by organisations working in mental health and suicide prevention at the santhe that was inaugurated by Arundathi Nag, managing trustee and artistic adviser of Ranga Shankara.

Theatre personality Arunadathi Nag inaugurating the Mental Health Santhe organised by NIMHANS on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

NIMHANS director Pratima Murthy, who presided over the event, said the santhe was aimed at promoting mental health awareness, addressing stigma, and encouraging open dialogue on mental health and suicide prevention. K.S. Meena, professor and head, Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS, asserted the importance of prioritising mental health in public discourse.

A major highlight was the release of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials, developed as part of NIMHANS' continued efforts to educate the public about mental health and suicide prevention. These materials, designed to be accessible and engaging for people of all ages, were made available during the event.

At the event, one of the attendees, 45-year-old Vishal Patel, shared his personal journey of recovery. His account of overcoming mental health challenges resonated deeply with the audience, serving as a reminder of the importance of support systems, empathy, and professional help in the recovery process.

In recognition of the creativity and passion displayed by participants, prizes were distributed to the winners of the drama and poster competitions, which centered around mental health and well-being. Prizes for the competitions held by the Department of Psychiatric Social Work were also distributed.

After the inaugural event, there were multiple dramas towards breaking the stigma on mental health and suicide prevention. The themes covered in the dramas included prioritising mental health and well-being, epilepsy, suicide prevention, empty nest syndrome and schizophrenia.

CWRC directs Karnataka and T.N. to utilise water judiciously

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee (CWRC) on Tuesday directed Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to utilise water judiciously and conserve storage for next year.

As on October 14, 2024, the cumulative flow at Biligundlu from Karnataka was 216.9 tmcft as against the stipulated flow of 132.27 tmcft.

'Excess flow'

Karnataka argued in CWRC that the excess flow at Biligundlu should be adjusted against the stipulated flows in the subsequent period. Karnataka also hoped that the existing storage in reservoirs and the favourable rainfall situation in the balance period of current water year would continue so that the farmers of the Cauvery basin will be benefitted, a note from Jayaprakash K., Technical Adviser to Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar, said.

However, Tamil Nadu reiterated that the excess flow recorded at Biligundlu is owing to the surplus from the major reservoirs of Karnataka.

Therefore, Tamil Nadu requested CWRC to direct Karnataka to release stipulated flows as per final award of CWDT as modified by the Supreme Court, the note said. Eventually, CWRC directed both States to utilise water judiciously.

Congress govt. will fall in six months: Ashok

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok on Tuesday said the BJP will form the government in the State in a year's time with the fall of the Congress government.

Speaking at a convention of local representatives organised by the BJP in Bantwal, Mr. Ashok said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has been mired in controversies related to MUDA site allotment and misappropriation of Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation's fund. Circumstances are such that Mr. Siddaramaiah will resign shortly as Chief Minister. "In another six months, this government will fall. We are confident of forming the next government," he said.

Leader of the Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said the party was confident of Kishor Kumar Puttur's victory in the byelection to the Legislative Council's Dakshina Kannada Local Representatives constituency.

State BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra said after the BJP's padayatra, Mr. Siddaramaiah gave up the claim for ₹62 crore compensation and made his wife return the sites and thus admitting his wrongdoing.

Central Ayurveda Research Institute starts in-patient services

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The Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI) in Bengaluru, established as a regional research centre in 1971, has recently started in-patient and other diagnostic services such as ultrasound and ECG.

Located on Kanakapura Road in the city, the institute focuses on advancing research in ayurveda, integrating traditional practices with contemporary scientific approaches, and fostering a deeper understanding of ayurveda's potential. It is recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence for Madhumeha (Diabetes)' by the Union Ministry of Ayush. It is one of the peripheral pharmacovigilance centres for monitoring and reporting adverse drug reactions and misleading advertisements related to ayurveda, siddha and unani drugs, said Shubhashree M.N., Research Officer (Ayurveda) at the institute.

Addressing pressperson here on Tuesday, she said the 28-bed in-patient facility was started in July. The institute sees over 250 patients in the out-patient department (OPD) daily.

"CARI houses a multidisciplinary team engaged in diverse research and integrative healthcare activities. Clinical services are provided through its NABL and NABH accredited hospital wing - (OPD, 28 bed in-patient facility, telemedicine and community outreach). These services include expert consultations, ayurveda dispensary, diagnostic laboratory (biochemistry, hematology, ultrasound, X-ray and ECG), panchakarma, yoga therapies, ambulance for patient transportation and a canteen," she said.

Metabolic disorders

This institute focuses its research efforts primarily on metabolic disorders and ayurveda dietetics, with additional domains covering outreach healthcare research, drug standardisation, and medicinal plants research.

"Currently, CARI is conducting over 25 research projects jointly with prestigious institutions such as IISc., NIMHANS, ICMR-NITM, Belagavi, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, ICAR-IIHR, among others," the officer added.

Junior doctors take part in hunger strike

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Over 4,000 junior doctors in Karnataka participated in a hunger strike from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the premises of their respective medical colleges and Indian Medical Association (IMA) units on Tuesday. This is as part of the IMA's nationwide call for fasting and protesting in solidarity with R.G. Kar doctors.

The IMA State unit Junior Doctors' Network undertook the hunger strike, while the Medical Students' Network (MSN) led the protest. "We had asked junior doctors to hold their protests in their respective medical colleges. However, arrangements were made at the IMA units working committee offices across Karnataka wherever it was not possible to protest at the medical colleges," said S. Srinivasa, IMA State unit president.

The IMA gave a nationwide call for fasting and protesting in solidarity with R.G. Kar doctors. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The doctors followed an internal roster system to ensure that patient services were not affected, he added.

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Tenant among three arrested for robbing landlord

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Enraged over frequent fights over rent, a man allegedly roped in his two friends to rob his landlord before being caught by the Ramamurthynagar police on Tuesday. The accused have been identified as Shivakumar, 46, Manikantan, 32, and Prashanth, 31.

According to the police, Shivakumar, who runs a condiments shop in the city, had a disagreement over the payment of rent with his landlord Vasudeva Rao. After a series of confrontations, the accused allegedly roped in Manikantan and Prashanth to plan and execute the job.

As per the plan, on September 21, Manikantan and Prashanth, armed with a machete and a knife, barged into the landlord's house in Kasturinagar and stole valuables from the couple at knifepoint.

Based on a complaint, the Ramamurthynagar police registered a case, verified the CCTV camera footage to identify the accused, and tracked them down near Vijaya Bank Colony. The police also found a stolen two-wheeler.

During questioning, the trio allegedly confessed.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16			
RISE	06:10	SET	18:00
RISE	17:09	SET	04:46
THURSDAY, OCT. 17			
RISE	06:10	SET	18:00
RISE	17:55	SET	05:45
FRIDAY, OCT. 18			
RISE	06:10	SET	17:59
RISE	18:43	SET	06:46

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	22	20

Bengaluru Today
23°C The intermittent spelle of heavy to very heavy rain and thundershower with gusty winds and moderate lighting will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
25°C The weather will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
DRM (Electrical) Jaipur, for and on the behalf of president of Union of India, invites e-tenders for following works: **SN.** 1 **NIT No.:** EL-JP-06R-2024-25 **Name of work** : JP Div.- Provision of Grid connected roof top solar power plant at Residential buildings over JP div. (7287 KWp) **NIT Cost :** 301054097.82 **Earnest Money :** 1655300/- **Tender opening:** 05.11.2024 **SN.** 2 **NIT No.:** EL-JP-22-2024-25 **Name of work** : Electrical work in connection with provision of Interlocking of 05 Nos manned LCs (LC-193,44,58, 148,180) over Jaipur Div. **NIT Cost :** 1525346.85 **Earnest Money :** 30500/- **Tender opening:** 05.11.2024 **SN.** 3 **NIT No.:** EL-JP-15-2024-25 **Name of work** : JP Div.: Provision of Fresh air arrangement at Sports Complex, Jagatpura **NIT Cost :** 2026334.59 **Earnest Money :** 40500/- **Tender opening:** 05.11.2024 **Note** : **Date & time of closing of e-tenders** : On tender opening date Upto 15.00 hours **Date & time of e-tender opening** : On tender opening date after 15.00 hours **Complete details of tender can be seen on website No. : http://www.ireps.gov.in**
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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004
Bid No. PCE/BLW(ET)/Publish/2024-25/13 **Date: 09.10.2024**
E-TENDER
Dy. Chief Engineer, Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi on behalf of the President of India invites "Open" Tender through E-Tendering from the contractors. **Sr. No. 1. Tender No.:** BLW-WAT-ET-018-24-25 **Name of Work:** Maintenance of Horticulture Work of Colony (except ET) and sport complexes except Golf ground for two years. **Tender Cost (Rs.):** Rs.1,49,53,191.28 **Earnest Money (Rs.):** Rs. 2,24,800.00 **Time of Completion:** 24 Months **Closing Date of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:00 PM **Date of Opening of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:30 PM **Sr. No. 2. Tender No.:** BLW-WATET-019-24-25 **Name of Work:** Installation, commissioning & operation of common effluent treatment plant including construction of effluent collection tank and laying of separate STP & ETP pipe lines for treatment before disposal at BLW central hospital under SSE/W/CT. **Tender Cost (Rs.):** Rs. 65,75,279.30 **Earnest Money (Rs.):** Rs. 1,31,500.00 **Time of Completion:** 12 Months **Closing Date of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:00 PM **Date of Opening of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:30 PM **Sr. No. 3. Tender No.:** BLW-WAT-ET-020-24-25 **Name of Work:** Maintenance of railway track inside outside of workshop in BLW for two years i.e 2024-2026 under SSE/P.way. **Tender Cost (Rs.):** Rs. 69,20,280.58 **Earnest Money (Rs.):** Rs. 1,38,400.00 **Time of Completion:** 24 Months **Closing Date of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:00 PM **Date of Opening of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:30 PM **Sr. No. 4. Tender No.:** BLW-WAT-ET-021-24-25 **Name of Work:** Repairing of damaged Bituminous Road in East Township and Central Township & Repairing of damage Road under SSE/W/WT in BLW,Varanasi. **Tender Cost (Rs.):** Rs. 5,76,12,948.35 **Earnest Money (Rs.):** Rs. 4,38,100.00 **Time of Completion:** 08 Months **Closing Date of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:00 PM **Date of Opening of Tender:** 04/11/2024 at 15:30 PM. **Special Notice:** To see the detailed terms & conditions of tender and for submission of tender, please visit - **" website: http:www.ireps.gov.in".**
PRO/BLW/C-13 **Dy. Chief Engineer**
/blwvaranasi " Website:- www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL
K KAMARAJ ROAD, BANGALORE-42
Tele No : 080-25581238
www.apsbangalore.edu.in

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION – 21 OCT 2024 (1000HRS)
TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE WORK/SUPPLY/INSTALLATION AT ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, K KAMARAJ ROAD, BANGALORE-42

Tender No	Description of Work
APS/219/2024-25	Fixing of SS Mesh with frame for Ground floor Class Rooms and Staff Rooms
APS/220/2024-25	Installation of CCTV Cameras (Wireless) in Astro Turf Ground and Multipurpose Sports Complex
NOTE	1. Please submit sealed quotation super scribed on the envelope **"TENDER FOR_____"** to reach at ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, KAMARAJ ROAD, BANGALORE on or before **21 Oct 2024** by 1000hrs. **2. Two Bid system should be followed :-** (a) **Technical Bid -** (i) Separate envelope, mentioning the Tender No (ii) GST No & PAN Details (iii) Company Registration Certificate (iv) Previous year IT Return Filing Certificate (v) Colour photographs of similar project done (vi) Plan and colour sketch of the project. (b) **Financial Bid** - Separate envelope, mentioning the Tender No

Form No.3
[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)] / 16(3)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PUNE
Unit No.307 to 310, 3rd Floor, Kakade Biz Icon Building, Shivaji Nagar, Pune - 411005
Case No.: OA/577/2023
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Exh. No.: 9709
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
VS
SIESTA HOSPITALITY SERVICES LTD
To,
(1) Siesta Hospitality Services Ltd
No.17,7, Ailaskar Road, Off Cunningham Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560052
(2) Mr Ashok Chattaraj
No.17,7, Ailaskar Road, Off Cunningham Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560052
SUMMONS
WHEREAS, OA/577/2023 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on **01.08.2024.**
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 3,26,64,381.03 (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **30.10.2024 at 10:30 a.m.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date :09.08.2024
Sd/-
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Pune
Seal of the Tribunal

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Smt.Saleha Begum** to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Gift deed dated 28.03.1981, Doc. No. 14288/1980-81 of Book I, Volume -1688 at Pages 163-166 and registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk, in respect of Site Nos. 25 and 26, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, total measuring **2400 Sq.ft.,** Situated at **Tavarekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** has been lost at the time of travelling.
All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Gift deed. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide **Lost Report No. 1285805/2024, dated 14.10.2024.**
Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No: B/TRD.2024-25/14
Dated: 08.10.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
(i) Modification of OHE due to proposed RUB of NHAI at km 150/06-08 between Kelamangalam (KMLM) and Hosur (HSRA) stations. **(ii)** OHE modifications in connection with proposed ROB at km 153 Kelamangalam (KMLM) and Hosur (HSRA) stations in Salem - Bengaluru (SA-SBC) section. **(iii)** OHE modifications in connection with proposed BMRCL overhead structure (Metro Viaduct) at Km. 205/300-400 near Baiyappanahalli.	**Rs. 14,79,340.43**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 30.10.2024
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution/Bengaluru
PUB/490/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25
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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that **MR. RAVINDRA BABU** is intending to purchase the property from **MR. RAJAN C. ABRAHAM & SMT. ANN R. ABRAHAM,** any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
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No: DAMH:CW:S.T-09/2024-25 **Date:** 10.10.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage invites the service tenders for the Providing the service of staff on an outsourcing basis to perform duty at offices, museums, and monuments, Digital data Metaverse Environmental with Virtual Reality for 15 Monuments and Empanelment of Consultants for Comprehensive Architectural, Design, Engineering and Project Management Consultancy Services, (Indent No.DAMH/2023-24/SE0003(Call-2)/SE0008/SE0010) on the e-procurement portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in in accordance with the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Ordinance 1999-2000. Registered interested organizations agencies, companies can participate as per the conditions mentioned in the standard tender document.

Sl.No.01 tender bid meeting will be held in the office of the Commissioner, Mysore.	Date 05.11.2024 at 11.30 Hours
Sl.No.01 of tender Last date and time of any Queries for tender.	Date 08.11.2024 at 17.00 Hours
Sl.No.01 of tender last date and time of submissions	Date 13.11.2024 at 16.00 Hours
Sl.No.01 of tender opening date and time of technical bids	Date 15.11.2024, 16.30 Hours
Sl.No.01 of tender opening date and time of Financial bids	Date 16.11.2024, 16.30 Hours
Sl.No.02 to 03 of tenders Last date and time of any Queries for tender.	Date 24.10.2024 at 17.00 Hours
Sl.No.02 to 03 of tenders The last date and time of submissions	Date 30.10.2024 at 16.00 Hours
Sl.No.02 to 03 of tenders The opening date and time of technical bids	Date 05.11.2024, 16.30 Hours
Sl.No.02 to 03 of tenders The opening date and time of Financial bids.	Date 06.11.2024, 16.30 Hours

Sd/- Commissioner,
Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysore
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/679/2024-25

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Why have recent exit polls gone off the mark?

What methodology should be followed for accuracy? How do we know that a survey has done its homework? When are exit polls conducted? Do respondents open up on their choice?

Srinivasan Ramani

On October 15, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar stated that exit polls were causing distractions and asked media houses to self-introspect before publishing the verdict. In this article, dated June 9, 2024, Srinivasan Ramani explains the different methodologies behind deciding the exit polls and what might have gone wrong.

Tide turns: BJP workers celebrate victory in Haryana elections on October 8. SANDEEP SAXENA

The story so far: Ahead of election results on June 4, several exit polls predicted the return of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance to power, with a tally of more than 300 seats for the BJP alone. One pollster, Today's Chanakya, predicted 400 seats (plus or minus 15) for the NDA, and another, Axis MyIndia, said the NDA would win an average of 381 seats. All these polls were way off the mark, as results showed.

What were the vote share projections?
The CSDS-Lokniti post poll predicted that the NDA would receive a vote share of 46% while that of the INDIA bloc (excluding the Left, Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and AAP in Punjab) would be 35%. The error margin was 3.08% points. The results showed NDA had bagged 292 seats (43.63% vote share) and the INDIA bloc 205 seats (excluding the Trinamool Congress which won 29 seats) with a vote share of 37%. CSDS-Lokniti did not project seats for the alliances but predicted that the NDA would return with a majority. Its vote share figures were within the error margins but were 2.5 points higher for the NDA.

Axis My India projected 47% for the NDA and 39% for the INDIA bloc and the actual results showed that the projections overestimated the NDA vote share beyond the error margins. C-Voter projected a seat tally of 353 to 383 seats for the NDA, with a vote share of 45.3% and 38.9% for the BJP alone, which was 2.3 points higher than the actual vote share for the party – 36.56%. Its figures for the INDIA bloc were also roughly 2.4 points lower than the actual mark. While the vote shares were within error margins nationally, its seat tallies were way off across several States.

What are exit polls? How are they different from opinion polls?
Opinion polls are sample surveys where a cross section of the electorate is randomly chosen and interviewed about their choice of party or candidates. These polls could either be conducted in-person or over devices as is the case with telephonic surveys. Exit polls ask voters about their choice right after they have exercised their mandate, sometimes outside the polling booth. Some pollsters prefer to do "post-poll surveys" which are conducted at the residence of the voters after they exercise their mandate. CSDS-Lokniti's poll is a "post-poll survey". Other surveys such as Axis MyIndia's were "exit polls".

Did methodology matter in the way exit polls got the numbers wrong?
For exit polls to be accurate, certain factors have to be kept in mind like the sample size of the survey, the selection process of the sample, the manner in which the survey is conducted, the weighting of the sample according to estimates of the population.

The size of the sample has to be representative and the largeness of the sample is immaterial as long as it is significant enough to statistically predict the winner. If the sample is randomly chosen and the size of the sample is enough to accurately predict the possibility of a certain candidate winning more than 40-45% of the vote – which is generally the case with Indian elections – then even a representative sample of around 20,000-odd respondents is enough to predict winners in a country of a voting population of close to 100 crore. One can conduct larger surveys with more than 20,000 respondents or even with lakhs of respondents but the key to track the mood of the electorate is to get good representation.

CSDS Lokniti's total sample size was 19,663 across 23 States and 193 parliamentary constituencies while that of Axis MyIndia was 5,82,574 across all the 543 constituencies. But the former got its vote share predictions within the error margins while the latter didn't.

For good representation, the samples have to be chosen randomly (so as to avoid bias) and also be chosen in a stratified manner (so as to avoid missing out on any section of the population). The most ideal way of choosing a random, but stratified sample, is to use electoral rolls for identifying respondents.

Once sampling is done and the list of respondents are identified, they need to be weighted on the basis of the representation of sections in the population – the percentage of women, Dalits, minorities, majority population, urban vs rural voters. After a representative sample has been prepared, interviews are conducted by surveyors. Ideally, a face-to-face interview works better, and in the same language as the respondent.

As many respondents will not be comfortable in relaying their voting choice to the surveyor, questions should be framed in such a way that the voting choice can be ascertained through this or a mechanism provided in such a way that the respondent records his voter choice without revealing it in the open to the surveyor.

Do respondents reveal their choice?
There is a high probability that many respondents, especially those from marginalised sections, either do not reveal their voting preferences or require a measure of trust with the surveyor before opening up on their choices. There is a possibility that the pollsters who got this election wrong either under-sampled marginalised voters or their surveyors were not trusted by the respondents to reveal the right answer or were misled by them.

Once the information is collated, there are other steps to be followed. How do surveyors allocate "undecided" choices? For example, to a question like 'Who do you vote for?', there may be answers including 'Don't know' or 'No opinion' or 'No response' or 'Won't tell'? Should surveyors omit them? Or should they weigh them on the basis of the proportion of decided choices? These are important considerations for the surveyor.

What is the process after the surveys are carried out?
Once the survey is done, the results should be matched with the estimated demographic information. If there are 12 respondents among Dalits whose choices are recorded in a population of 100 and the actual proportion of Dalits in that population is 15, then the weighting can be uniformly done for the 15 based on the 12 respondents. But if only 39 women in a population of 100 are interviewed, extrapolating the views of the 39 to that of 48 women (the possible actual estimate of the women population) would be problematic because women do not vote as a single category. This could be one reason why the Axis MyIndia poll got its estimates wrong for many States. The men-women representation in the poll's sample was 69 to 31.

Most of the pollsters, who had tied up with TV channels, used their surveys to predict seat shares – CSDS Lokniti didn't. Vote share to seat share conversions can be done in different ways. The most commonly used method is by assessing the swing in vote share for a particular party from previous elections, either in a State or to be more accurate, in a particular region and to be more precise, if the sampling allows the pollster to do so, in a particular constituency. The swing for or against a party as against the same for its opponent(s) can provide the basis for whether an incumbent will be returned from a particular constituency or whether a party can retain a certain number of seats in a region of a State or a State as a whole.

As veteran psephologist and media personality Prannoy Roy points out in his book, *The Verdict*, written with Dorab R. Sopariwala, some pollsters look at swings from previous polls and the "index of opposition unity" to determine the margin of victory for a particular candidate and predict seat share from vote shares.

There are other methods to evaluate this as well, but conversion of vote shares to seat shares also requires the pollster to be aware of the political dynamics of a particular State, its regions, and what transpired in proximate elections there.

For example, in a State where a particular party wins an Assembly election, it enjoys what is called, a "honeymoon effect" and this has a bearing on the Lok Sabha poll if that election is conducted only a few months after the Assembly polls. In such cases it is better to calculate swings for parties using the Assembly polls in those States as a base rather than the previous Lok Sabha poll. None of the pollsters who tied up with major television channels got their vote to seat shares right. Since none of them have revealed what they consider their "secret sauce" – the conversion process – it is difficult to ascertain why they got it wrong.

Is a close election difficult to predict?
It is evident that pollsters in India mostly get the winner of an election and the seat shares closer to reality when the outcome is decisive. When elections are close, as was the case in this Lok Sabha election, pollsters rarely tend to be accurate on vote and seat shares.

Whether a polling agency has done a good survey is clear from what it reveals in its methodology – the sample size, the mode of survey, the representation of the sample, and the inbuilt error margins. If a survey doesn't reveal these, it should not be considered serious enough.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian Upendran

"How was the movie?"

"It was quite good."

"I too saw it. It was very good. We seem to have the same view."

"No. I didn't say the movie was very good! I only said it was quite good."

"Doesn't quite mean 'very'?"

"Yes and no. Most people in our country use it in the sense of 'very.' But it means 'very' in some contexts and 'fairly or rather' in certain other contexts."

"How do I find out the correct meaning?"

"I'll tell you. Take for example these two sentences: This idli is quite good. He is quite alone. In the first sentence 'quite' means 'rather/fairly.' And in the second, it means 'absolutely/completely'."

"Yes, but..."

"I haven't finished explaining. 'Good' is a quality that varies in degree. For example, something that is good can be just good or very good. But it's not possible to have various degrees of 'aloneness'. This word has a sense of finality. It is an absolute quality."

"I think I'm beginning to understand."

"Good. So when you use 'quite' before words like 'nice', 'big', 'warm', 'happy', 'enjoyable', it means 'fairly' or 'rather' because these words refer to qualities that vary in degree/strength. But when used with words like 'perfect', 'unique', 'flawless', 'all right,' 'empty', 'finished,' 'wrong,' 'sure', 'ready', 'quite' means 'completely' or 'absolutely'."

"Should I say your explanation was quite perfect or quite good?"

"Depends on you."

"In that case, it was quite good."

"Why do you put the stress on the word 'quite'?"

"Is it wrong?"

"Not wrong. With the change in stress, the meaning changes. 'Quite good' is not as complimentary as 'good'. When you say to your hostess that her coffee was good, you are paying a compliment to her. About stress, I'd like to quote from the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary: "In British English, 'quite' can have different meanings depending on the intonation of the sentence.'

(1) "If 'quite' carries the main stress when used with the gradable words (i.e., those describing qualities which can be of different strengths or degrees) it has a negative meaning such as 'not very'. He is 'quite' handsome. She played 'quite' well."

(2) "If 'quite' receives secondary or no stress, the sentence expresses more approval or possibly surprise. I was 'quite' pleased. I think he's 'quite' handsome."

(3) "When 'quite' is used with a word expressing an absolute quality, it means completely and does not usually carry the main stress. It was quite 'wonderful.' She played quite 'brilliantly."

"You seem to be under stress! We'll discuss the stresses and strains of 'quite' next week also."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics was the last of the six Nobel Prizes this year. Here is a quiz on the 2024 Nobel season

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton for their work on machine learning. In a follow-up press conference at Princeton University, Hopfield compared AI with which discovery?

QUESTION 2
The 2024 Nobel Prize for chemistry was shared by David Baker for computational protein design along with Demis Hassabis and John Jumper for protein structure prediction. He started playing which game at a very young age?

QUESTION 3
The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun. What was their discovery?

QUESTION 4
The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics was awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson for research into differences in prosperity between nations. Two of the three winners have written a book together, published in 2012. Name the two writers and the book.

QUESTION 5
Han Kang won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2024. She also created history in South Korea. What is the milestone? She rose to international prominence for her 2007 novel. What is the name of the novel?

Visual question:
The above image is related to which of the Nobel Prizes? Who was it awarded to?

Questions and Answers to the October 14 edition of the daily quiz: 1. The two players apart from Don Bradman and Brian Lara who have scored triple centuries. **Ans: Virender Sehwag and Chris Gayle**
2. Brian Lara broke Sir Gary Sobers score of 365 not out but the Lara's score was overhauled by this Australian. **Ans: Mathew Hayden**
3. This player holds the record for the fastest triple hundred, scoring it just off 278 balls. **Ans: Virender Sehwag**
4. This player scored 300 runs in a day and against this team. **Ans: Bradman's 334 against England in 1930**
5. This famous venue in India has seen two triple Test hundreds being scored. **Ans: M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai**
6. The connection between Bobby Simpson, Graham Gooch, Mark Taylor, Brian Lara, Mahela Jayawardene etc. **Ans: They achieved the feat while being the captain of their teams**
Visual: Name this batter. **Ans: Karun Nair**
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DKS moots revival of Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor project

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar has mooted the revival of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE).

Mr. Shivakumar, in an interaction with journalists on Tuesday, said there is a necessity to revive the project for the purpose of development and to generate employment in small towns. "The new access controlled Bengaluru-Mysuru national highway has crushed the opportunity for development. People are unable to stop even to drink coffee," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar said the NICE project that will connect Bengaluru-Mysuru will help create townships in Bidadi, Ramanagara, and Mandya. The people from these localities may not have to come to Bengaluru in search of jobs, he said.

"This project was announced by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and the framework was signed by him too. But later, the BMIC was shelved by the Gowda family because they had many properties along that stretch. Hence, the access controlled Bengaluru-Mysuru national highway was built," he alleged.

A file photo of vehicles on NICE Road.

Mr. Shivakumar, further explaining the need for the project, said: "BMIC project will make outward development possible. The small towns have to grow. The NICE will bring good investment also. I am up for taking up this project again and if I take up any project, I will complete it with alacrity.."

In another five to 10 years, Bengaluru will add over 20 lakh population and development in nearby areas is necessary, he added. "For this to happen, we have to encourage private persons who will provide world-class roads," he said.

However, Mr. Shivakumar did not offer any details about his plan or provide information on how much land would be required for the project and under which Act compensation will be given.

BWSSB to launch Cauvery Stage V project today

It will cater to the needs of 110 villages which were added to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will be launching its ambitious Cauvery Stage V project on Wednesday which will cater to the needs of 110 villages which were added to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced that the city's water supply is set to receive a major boost with the Cauvery Stage V project. Speaking to reporters here on Tuesday, Mr. Shivakumar said that the project will draw 775 million litres per day (MLD) from the Cauvery, adding up to 10 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) annually. This additional supply will be piped to 110 villages surrounding the city.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during an Interaction with *The Hindu* in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

Currently, Bengaluru draws approximately 1,450 MLD from the Cauvery, but with the city's growing population, the demand for drinking water has surged to 2,200 MLD.

To facilitate the new water supply, three advanced booster pumping stations have been constructed at T.K. Halli, Harohalli, and Tataguni. These stations will pump water to an elevation of 450 metres – about the height of a 50-storey building – through steel pipes ranging from 500 mm to 2,200 mm in diameter, covering a distance of 110 kilometres to Bengaluru.

Mr. Shivakumar also noted that Bengaluru currently has 10.64 lakh water connections, with an additional 5 lakh connections expected to be added through the project. Water supply to households under the new scheme is set to begin on Tuesday.

When questioned about the affordability of connections for the 110 villages, which has only received 55,000 connections, Mr. Shivakumar remarked: "Water has value, and once the villages get the connection, water will be cheaper for them."

Mr. Shivakumar hinted that water prices are likely to be increased as the BWSSB has not raised them for the last 10 years. However, he said the BWSSB is a service-oriented company and its sole purpose is to serve the people. He said with the Cauvery Stage V project and water from the Nethravati diversion project, Bengaluru will be a water-surplus city.

Illumination till Oct. 23

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

With the footfalls to Mysuru rising even after the culmination of Dasara festivities here and visitors thronging the city to glimpse the grand illumination of the city of palaces, the district administration has decided to continue the Dasara illumination till October 23.

BEML to build country's first high-speed train

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BENGALURU

BEML Limited's Bengaluru rail coach complex will build the country's first indigenously designed and manufactured high-speed train with a test speed of 280 km per hour.

BEML Ltd. has been awarded a contract valued at ₹866.87 crore by Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, for the design, manufacture, and commissioning of two high-speed trainsets, each comprising eight cars. The train sets will be built at BEML's Bengaluru rail coach complex and are scheduled for delivery by the end of 2026. Featuring a fully AC, chair car configuration, the trains will offer modern amenities.

Delivery executive held for breaking into houses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While investigating a break-in reported at the house of a juice vendor, the Whitefield police on Tuesday tracked down a delivery executive of an online marketing company who allegedly used to break into houses using keys left by the residents at common places and arrested him.

Modus operandi

The accused Pradeep, 30, a resident of Mahadevapura, allegedly used to keep a tab on the houses while delivering goods and access the keys to break into the houses.

The accused, using this modus operandi, gained entry into the house of the vendor with the key left at the window and escaped with 28 grams of gold and ₹10,000 in cash. The tenant is from Andhra Pradesh and eked out a living by making cane juice on a pushcart.

Based on a complaint, the police tracked down Pradeep and detailed questioning revealed that he had broken into six houses around Whitefield. Based on his confession, the police recovered gold valuables which he had pawned in a gold shop in Mahadevapura total worth ₹10 lakh.

Habitual offender

The accused, according to Mr. Nagaraj, is a habitual offender involved in similar crimes in Mahadevapura and Varthur police station limits.

After being released from prison last year, the accused had continued to work as a delivery executive and target houses where the keys were left outside, he added.

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The newly established Nambi Antariksha Kalakshetra is designed to inspire and empower students by offering a unique environment to explore space science and technology. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, students can now participate in simulations of space missions, experiment with satellite technology, and work on research projects that could one day contribute to real-world space exploration.

This new facility grants students unparalleled access to space education resources, enabling them to transfer their curiosity into innovation. From designing satellite models to conducting space-related experiments, the lab provides hands-on experience that encourages critical thinking and problem-solving — skills that are crucial for the future of space exploration.

The implementation of this visionary program is powered by Genex Space, India's leading space education technology company. Genex Space will be integral in guiding students through this journey, providing mentorship, workshops, and expert advice. Through this partnership, students will gain deeper insights into space science while developing practical skills in a real-world environment. This collaboration ensures that students are not only learning but also actively engaging with the latest advancements in space technology.

Inspired by the unparalleled learning experience offered by this lab, Dr. Nambi expressed his commitment to personally contribute to enhance the educational journey of the students.The Director, Ms Suseela Santhosh said, "Through the Bhagavad Gita we guide students on a spiritual journey to help them to find their path in life. Similarly, beyond academics, we offer opportunities in sports, arts, and specialised labs for various subjects including Math and the latest addition being the Space Lab - we would like students to absorb knowledge as per their appetite."

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Bypolls to three Assembly seats in State on November 13

Results to be declared on November 23; the last date for filing nominations is October 25

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Election Commission of India on Tuesday announced the bypolls to the three Assembly constituencies in Karnataka – Sandur, Shiggaon, and Channapatna. While polling will be held on November 13 in the three constituencies, the results will be declared on November 23.

The last date for filing nominations is October 25, and the final date for withdrawal of nominations is October 30.

The three seats – Sandur, Shiggaon, and Channapatna – were earlier represented by E. Tukaram from the Congress, Basavaraj Bommai from the BJP and H.D. Kumaraswamy from the Janata Dal (Secular), respectively.

While Mr. Tukuram was elected to the Lok Sabha from Ballari constituency, Mr. Bommai, and Mr. Kumaraswamy, now Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, were elected to Lok Sabha from Haveri and Mandya Parliamentary constituencies, respectively.

The three Assembly constituencies have 7,05,673 electors, including 3,54,553 female electors, as per the revised electoral rolls. FILE PHOTO

Electoral roll

	Total	Young	PWD	Above 85
Shiggaon	2,36,790	9,683	5,251	2,802
Sandur	2,36,047	10,593	2,832	1,367
Channapatna	2,32,836	8,338	3,011	1,613

The three Assembly constituencies have a total of 7,05,673 electors, including 3,54,553 female electors, as per the revised electoral rolls.

These include 43 transgender voters, 28,614 young electors, 5,782 persons aged above 85, 11,094 persons with disabilities (PWD) and seven NRI electors. Of the NRI electors, six are in Channapatna and one in Shiggaon., according to data released by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for Karnataka.

While Shiggaon and Sandur have 2,36,790 and 2,36,047 electors, respectively, Channapatna has 2,32,836 voters. Nearly half of these are female electors. Sandur has the highest number of transgender electors at 29 and young electors at 10,593. While Shiggaon has 9,683 young electors, Channapatna has 8,338 electors in this category.

Likewise, Shiggaon has the highest PWD electors and those aged above 85 at 5,251 and 2,802, respectively. Shiggaon is followed by Channapatna with 3.011 PWD and 1,613 electors above 85 years, respectively, while Sandur has 2,832 PWD and 1,367 electors above 85 years.

Polling stations

Of the total 776 polling stations in the three constituencies, Channapatna has the highest at 276 followed by 259 in Sandur and 241 in Shiggaon.

The Election Commission has urged all the electors to participate in the conduct of free, fair, and ethical elections.

Political parties yet to finalise candidates for byelections

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/HUBBALLI
KALABURAGI

Amidst a high-decibel slugfest between the Congress and Opposition NDA constituents BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) over corruption issues in the last couple of months, the Channapatna, Shiggaon, and Sandur Assembly constituencies will head into the much-awaited byelections on November 13.

With less than a month away, the Congress and NDA are yet to finalise their candidates for the byelections that is being seen as a kind of referendum on the Congress government's performance. The Congress came to power with a thumping majority of 135 seats but since then has been under pressure over allocation to development works in the light of the huge allocation made towards the five guarantees promised before elections. While the government has so far desisted from holding taluk and zilla panchayat elections that could test its popularity, the Congress improved its tally in Lok Sabha from 1 in 2019 to 9 in 2024.

C.P. Yogeshwar and Nikhil Kumaraswamy

Of the three, NDA held two seats and the Congress held one. The byelections have been necessitated owing to resignations of former Chief Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy and Basavaraj Bommai from Channapatna and Shiggaon, respectively, and E. Thukaram from Sandur, following their election to the Lok Sabha.

The byelection for Channapatna seat has emerged as a prestige battle between Mr. Kumaraswamy and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar – both jostling for Vokkaliga leadership. The constituency in Old Mysuru region is witnessing a close battle as Mr. Shivakumar is being seen as the one trying to redeem his status in the Vokkaliga heartland after facing a drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls, including the defeat of his brother D.K. Suresh from Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency. Mr. Shivakumar has so far made multiple trips to the seat to interact and receive grievances from the public, and has been seeking votes for himself. Mr. Suresh is among the frontrunner for ticket, Congress insiders say.

The JD(S), which has staked claim for the seat in the NDA, is also facing issues with the BJP MLC and five-time MLA C.P. Yogeshwar lobbying hard to get ticket. Sources in the regional party claim that the BJP Central leadership has cleared the seat for the JD (S), which will choose its candidate. The move of Mr. Yogeshwar, who is seen as a party-hopper and likely to affect the JD(S)'s fortunes, is being watched closely. Despite pressure from party insiders, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of Mr. Kumaraswamy, has so far said he would not contest.

In Shiggaon, the name of Bharath Bommai, son of former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, is being speculated in the BJP along with the name of former Minister Murugesh Nirani, who lost from Bilagi in the May 2023 Assembly elections. With Panchamsali Lingayats having a say in Shiggaon, the former Minister hailing from the community, is hoping to resurrect his political career. As many as 57 aspirants have applied in the BJP and the Congress has 18 aspirants.

The return of BJP's legislator from Gangavati G. Janardhana Reddy, who faces cases of illegal mining, to Ballari district after 13 years has made the byelection to Sandur in the iron ore mining district interesting. Congress sources say that Mr. Tukaram's wife and daughter are the frontrunners among aspirants that also includes a former zilla panchayat member.

'Case will be booked against those who felicitated Gauri murder accused'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The State government will register a case against those who felicitated two persons accused of the murder of Gauri Lankesh, Minister M.B. Patil said in Vijayapura on Tuesday.

"It has come to our knowledge that some persons associated with some organisations felicitated Manohar Yadawe and Parashuram Waghmore in Vijayapura on Saturday. It is a heinous act," Mr. Patil told reporters.

'Cheap act'

"I can understand if someone wants to felicitate persons who are acquitted after a trial in a court. But what is the meaning of felicitating persons against whom investigation is still pending?" he said.

"It is a very cheap act. It is a matter of shame that it happened in the land of Basavanna who preached humanity, peace, and equality for all," the Minister said.

'Falsely charged'

Some Hindutva activists, including Sri Ram Sene members, felicitated the accused, after their release on bail, at Kalika temple in Vijayapura.

SRS members told reporters on Sunday that the two were falsely charged in the offence.

Withdrawal of Hubballi cases: Opposition leader seeks intervention of President, PM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terming the decision of the Cabinet to withdraw cases filed in Hubballi against the accused in the attack on police station as "anti-national", Leader of the Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy has appealed to the President of India, Prime Minister, Union Home Minister, Union Law and Justice Minister, besides the Governor, seeking their intervention in the matter. He has said that it is a fit case against the Karnataka Cabinet to be registered under an "organised anti-national crimes act", if any.

Drawing their attention to the incident on April 16, 2022, he said that a group of people had attacked the police station seeking the custody of a miscreant who had allegedly made derogatory comments about Islam on social media platform. "Now, the government has cancelled the FIR of this case that amounts to organised anti-constitutional and anti-national crime by the Cabinet. It has been spearheaded by the Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who has supposedly written to the Police Department for collectively entering into an organised crime by the Cabinet," he said in his letter to President Droupadi Murmu, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Mr. Narayanaswamy said that a mob of 158 had been let go of serious allegations by anti-constitutional decisions. He urged them to intervene in the matter and impress upon the Karnataka government to reconsider its decision.

BJP govt. dropped 385 criminal cases during its regime: KPCC spokesperson

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The Congress on Tuesday said that the BJP during its tenure between 2019 and 2023 had dropped 385 criminal cases, including 182 cases of hate speech, moral policing, cow vigilante, and communal violence.

Hitting back at the BJP, Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy told presspersons in Bengaluru that cases against about 2,000 persons were withdrawn, and in 2022, as many as 62 cases had been withdrawn. These include cases against BJP leaders C.T. Ravi, Ramesh Jharkiholi, Prathap Simha, Halappa Achar, Sumalatha Ambareesh, and J.C. Madhuswamy, he added. Mr. Reddy said it was the BJP that withdrew cases against those from PFI and SDPI registered between 2018 and 2020.

KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshman

"Activists from Sriram Sene, Bajrang Dal, and other Hindu organisations have been beneficiaries of the BJP government's decision," he said.

"The cases that we have withdrawn are against those who participated in the protest when B.R. Ambedkar's portrait was not kept during Republic Day, PayCM campaign, those who protested the insult to constitution and those seeking permanent irrigation. The list also includes the one involving the Old Hubballi case," the Minister said.

In Mysuru, KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshman told presspersons that the BJP government had passed seven orders to drop charges against the accused in 385 criminal cases. He also pointed out that the BJP government had dropped 7,361 rowdies from the list of rowdy-sheeters in the State. "Though 43 cases have been proposed to be withdrawn, BJP leaders are opposing only the old Hubballi town police station case as the accused belong to the Muslim community," he added.

Mr. Lakshman said that the 43 cases proposed to be dropped included those recommended for withdrawal by BJP leaders, including Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok, former Speaker K.G. Bopaiah, and former Minister C.T. Ravi.

Though a total of 60 recommendations had been received by the government, a Cabinet sub-committee headed by the Home Minister approved withdrawal of charges only in 43 cases., he added.

Shouting 'Jai Sriram' does not outrage religious feelings of any class: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"It is ununderstandable as to how if someone shouts 'Jai Sriram' it would outrage the religious feeling of any class," said the High Court of Karnataka while quashing a criminal case against two men for shouting the slogan while allegedly entering the compound of a mosque on their two-wheeler.

"Any and every act will not become an offence under Section 295A of IPC. The acts that have no effect on bringing out peace or destruction of public order will not lead to an offence under Section 295A of the IPC," the High Court said citing the apex court's judgment on application of Section 295A.

"When the complainant himself states that Hindu-Muslims are living in harmony in the area, the incident by no stretch of imagination can result in antimony," Justice M. Nagaprasanna observed while pointing out there is no allegation in the complaint that the incident had caused public mischief or any rift.

The High Court quashed the case registered against Keerthan Kumar and Sachin Kumar N.M. of Kadaba taluk in Dakshina Kannada by allowing their petition, in which they had questioned the criminal case registered based on a complaint by Hydhar Ali C.M. of Kadaba taluk.

It was alleged in the complaint that on hearing some shouting, the complainant and head of a mosque situated in Mardala in Kadaba taluk found two persons moving out on their two-wheelers from the mosque's compound by shouting the slogan.

Stating that the incident was captured on CCTV camera, the complainant said it was an attempt by miscreants to create a rift between the communities. However, the High Court said that there are no ingredients in the complaint for the offences alleged against the petitioners.

Siddaramaiah, DKS to meet Venugopal today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will meet AICC general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Venugopal, who heads the Parliament's Public Affairs Committee, is in Bengaluru as part of scheduled work of the committee. The meeting between the three leaders was announced by the CMO on Tuesday.

The timing of his official visit to Bengaluru comes when many Congress leaders are voicing their opinion on leadership change publicly, embarrassing both the party and the government. With the Chief Minister coming under pressure owing to accusations that his wife was a beneficiary of the alleged MUDA site scam, political circles are speculating a change in leadership.

Congress sources said individual leaders could be meeting Mr. Venugopal to discuss the political situation in the State.

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Tender is Invited through "E" Procurementportal to Provide a total of 25 manpower on outsource basis (Group-D+ Non Clinical) to Crawford General Hospital , Sakalespura with total of 150 Beds. Tenders can be submitted from 03/10/2024. Deadline for receipt to tender is 22/10/2024 4.30pm Estimated Tender Amount Rs.65,00,000.00, EMD Rs. 13,00,000.00 ForMore information visit www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Crawford General Hospital, Sakaleshpura.

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MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

SRM E-Tender Notice

Digitally signed online bids are invited through SRM E-tender process of MSETCL in two bid system from bidders who are registered Electrical Vendors/Contractors of MSETCL for following SRM E-tender;

RFx No.	E-Tender No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost	EMD	Tender Fees
7000033739	T- 33 / 2024-25 (2nd call)	Work of replacement of existing 0.2 ACSR Panther conductor by equivalent CCC type HTLS conductor along with suitable hardware, accessories and porcelain long rod insulators for 132kV Kekatnimbhora - Pahur DCDC Line (Length= 18+18= 36ckm) for RE power evacuation under Green Energy Corridor (GEC) under Nashik Zone	Rs. 1907.11 Lakhs (Including GST)	Rs. 19,07,109. 87/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST

Sale period: 15.10.2024 to 22.10.2024, **Last Date of Submission:** 22.10.2024 up to 15:30 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 22.10.2024 at 16:00Hrs (if possible). **Contact person:** Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik. Phone No. 0253-2403010/02/07 Fax No. 0253-2403000. For further details please visit to **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, EHV PC (O&M) Zone MSETCL Nashik

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML, 1st Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052.

No: DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/07/2024-25 Date: 15.10.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) Short Term Bid Notification (Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

1.The Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites Tender from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through kpp portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2.Tender documents may be downloaded from the kpp portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Approx. Amount put to Bid (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Amount in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document	Contract completion period
1	Construction of Leachate Treatment Plants of 20 KLD capacity at MSW processing plants of BBMP (As per directions of the NGT Committee)(Call-2).	**825.00 Excluding GST**	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.11,37,500/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/Scheduled Bank	**As per kpp portal**	**7 Months**

Calender Of Events :
1.Pre bid meeting will be held on **25.10.2024** at 15:00 hours in office of the CE&CGM (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru- 560 052.
2.Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPP Portal https://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in as per tender document on or before **16:00 hours** of **07.11.2024.**
3.The Technical bid will be opened through KPP-Portal only on **08.11.2024** after **16:30** hours at the stipulated venue.
4.Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP Portal only.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML

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‘Clothes carry our memories and experiences’

Crafting Change, an initiative by the Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology hosted under the institute’s Art in Transit initiative, will be held in the city on October 19

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Artists at work during a previous edition of Crafting Change.

At the concourse of the Cubbon Park metro station, a half-finished miniature version of the Bhavani Jamakkalam, a traditional woven carpet from Erode, Tamil Nadu, was stretched across the small table loom. Crowds milled around it, wanting to try their hand at weaving, one after the other. Scraps of old fabric were being shuttled across the thick, white threads of the warp, entwining the two into a single integrated varicoloured unit, a reimagination of an ancient craft tradition that has always brought people together.

This community weaving workshop was one of several conducted as part of *Crafting Change,* an initiative by the Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology hosted under the institute’s Art in Transit initiative, a collaboration with BMRCL. The initiative, which opened in the city on October 2 to mark Gandhi Jayanti, consisted of a series of workshops on mending and eco-printing and two exhibits on Deccani Wool and Brown Cotton, enabling visitors to “immerse themselves in various activities associated with crafting life into textile, mindfully and consciously,” as the event’s release put it.

Sanghamitra M., a fourth-year undergraduate student at the Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology (SMI) who facilitated this community weaving workshop, talks about its raison d’etre. Craft brings people together, so this workshop, which reinterprets an age-old craft tradition, enabled people to appreciate its history and actively participate in creating a new piece that reflects togetherness, says Sanghamitra, who chose to explore the craft of Jamakkalam “because I am from Erode and the jamakkalam is something that I have seen growing up.”

Not surprisingly, conversations around handloom and handcrafted textiles were crucial to the first edition of *Crafting Change* on Gandhi Jayanti, offering an opportunity to celebrate the philosophy of khadi and the importance of handmade, self-resilient textile systems. As Yash Bhandari, a faculty member at SMI, says, people often forget that one of the first significant independence movements in this country involved the independent production of cloth, “right from spinning it to weaving and wearing it.” To date, it should be a reminder of the memory and objective of a movement that gave India its identity, he adds.

Swati Maskeri, Head of Studies, Industrial Arts & Design Practices, SMI, who co-curated *Crafting Change* with Sadhvi Jawa and Saumya Singh, feels the initiative is important for yet another reason: to highlight the wastefulness and harm the textile and fashion industry is causing to the environment.“Art in Transit gave us the scope to bring it out into the public domain and engage the public with these ideas,” she says.

Second edition

Crafting Change, a second edition of which is all set to open on October 19, running between 11 am and 2 pm, has its origins in the seventh-semester pre-thesis project, which every cohort of SMI students has to do. “The project is about looking at the impact that the fashion and textile industry has on the environment,” says Jawa. It is also about examining and rebuilding society’s relationship with clothes, something “fast fashion has reduced,” she says. “The reason why there is so much use-and-throw is that people do not feel connected with their clothes anymore.”

The current batch of students have spent the past few months immersing themselves in these ideas, watching films related to it, speaking to craftspeople to understand how the circular economy works, and acquainting themselves with slow craft techniques like mending and eco-printing, among other things. “They are looking at all these practices that existed earlier that were in sync with the environment and the community... how slow craft was a way of life,” she says. “It was a wonderful revelation for them, and they are all willing to take this forward.”

Jawa says putting all this out in a public space is also an attempt to raise awareness about these practices. “There has to be knowledge sharing, which has stopped because of fast fashion. These craft skills were once transferred from one generation to another,” she says. “We don’t want to keep knowledge in the classroom. We want to share it.”

Take Ruhi Bhalerao, a fourth-year student at SMI, who will conduct a workshop called *Fabric Footprints,* focusing on the psychological motivations underlying why people buy and discard clothes. “I want to engage in a conversation while collecting data,” says Bhalerao. This community data collection project explores people’s relationship with their clothes and how they have changed. “Clothes are like journals. They carry our memories and experiences, and we share a close bond with them,” she says.

And yet, our current consumption patterns are unsustainable, she reiterates. “We used to buy only five pieces of clothes in a year. Today, it can go up to 52 to 68,” says Bhalerao, who will convert the data collected into a community paper quilt. “By transforming this data into textile art, we aim to visually represent the stories of these clothes, highlighting their social and environmental impact,” she says. “I would like my project to bring people together and address these issues...talk about it, think about it, make more people aware of it. That is my current goal.”

A changing clothing culture

Maskeri remembers growing up in a different time, when clothes were often passed on from older cousins and siblings, and mending was prevalent. “I remember, in my childhood, we never bought clothes like we do now,” she says. “Clothes were bought, you know, for special occasions like festivals or birthdays. It was not like an ongoing thing.”

However, consumerist culture has transformed our relationship with clothes and how we purchase them, believes Maskeri. “There was a certain novelty or excitement... the anticipation of waiting for Diwali or your birthday to buy new clothes. That novelty has gone because everyone is buying all the time,” she says.

Fast fashion, she points out, has made everything very cheap, so people have become accustomed to buying seemingly inexpensive clothes. “But something else has paid for them, right?’ she remarks wryly. “The environment and the earth have paid for this cheap clothing we are all wearing.” Singh echoes this perspective. Handmade, handwoven clothes are often perceived as too expensive, but “I think that the one thing that we forget is that people were *never* meant to consume at the pace we’re consuming,” she says. While fast fashion means that the financial cost of a garment is low, the cost is borne by someone else in the value chain, whether it be “people who are being underpaid or resources which are being depleted,” she says.

A critical aspect of this initiative has been examining age-old material and cultural practices rooted in sustainability. “I think the idea that you can have few but precious clothes...instead of buying 20, could you just buy 5 or 7 or 10 handmade, handwoven garments and use those for a longer time is something that we need to revisit,” says Maskeri.

Additionally, as we confront a major existential dilemma because of the perfect storm of climate change, pollution and depleting natural resources, turning to our living heritage like Deccani Wool and Brown Cotton is essential, argues Singh, a textile and material designer at SMI’s Centres of Excellence. “They are closely interlinked with cultural practices, which ensure ecological balance in a larger realm that works against nature,” she says. “These movements are important in today’s time, specifically when it comes to standing strong in the face of fast fashion”

Singh firmly believes that for change to occur, a larger shift in ideology is needed where “you’re starting to look more consciously at how you live your life, how you’re consuming, what you’re consuming.

“Change, after all, is impossible to achieve overnight. But starting conversations about how we consume, something the initiative hopes to kickstart, could make a difference, she feels. “If we involve ourselves in conversation, bring more awareness about the sort of carbon footprint that some materials may have or how it is affecting certain communities, it will slowly percolate down to how we want to lead our lives.”

Chiratae Ventures honours Narayana Murthy, Shantanu Narayen, Abhinav Asthana with Patrick J. McGovern Awards

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Narayana Murthy, founder of Infosys Limited, with the India Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 18-year-old global technology venture capital fund, Chiratae Ventures, announced the Chiratae Ventures Patrick J. McGovern Awards for 2024.

Narayana Murthy, founder of Infosys Limited, was awarded the India Lifetime Achievement Award, while Shantanu Narayen, Chair and CEO at Adobe, won the Global Lifetime Achievement Award. Abhinav Asthana, CEO and Founder at Postman received the Exceptional Entrepreneurial Achievement Award.

Chiratae Ventures is one of India’s largest homegrown VC funds.

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“The influence of Patrick J. McGovern cannot be overstated; he was not only the anchor investor for this venture firm but also a pivotal figure in India’s technology ecosystem,” said Sudhir Sethi, Founder and Chairman of Chiratae Ventures.

“We are honoured to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Narayana Murthy, Shantanu, and Abhinav with the Chiratae Ventures Patrick J. McGovern awards. These leaders exemplify a unique combination of technology vision, business acumen, world-class engineering, ethical stewardship, and entrepreneurial talent.”

The India Lifetime Achievement Award honours leaders in India who have built and scaled organizations that have had a substantial impact on their respective industries.

“Infosys was the first Indian company to be listed on NASDAQ in 1999. Under Murthy’s leadership, Infosys has led the largest experiment in the democratization of wealth in India by distributing over 19% of Infosys equity to its employees,” said a release from Chiratae Ventures.

“I am very grateful to Chiratae Ventures, to Sudhir and his team for this kindness, generosity, and affection in awarding me the Lifetime Achievement Award named after Patrick J. McGovern. I am doubly happy that I am in the company of some extraordinary

Global Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates impact of leaders on tech entrepreneurial ecosystem

personalities like John Chambers, Indra Nooyi, Azim Premji, late Ratan Tata, Nandan Nilekani, and Kris Gopalakrishnan, among many other distinguished people,” said Narayana Murthy.

The past winners of the award include John Chambers, Kris Gopalakrishnan, Uday Kotak, Indra Nooyi, Azim Premji, and Ratan Tata among others.

The Global Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates the impact of global leaders on India’s tech entrepreneurial ecosystem. According to the release from the fund, Shantanu Narayen has successfully led the transformation of the company from desktop to the cloud world, and its venture into the digital experiences category.

“The Chiratae McGovern Award is really about Adobe and the work of our 30,000 employees. We’ve always believed that innovation is at our core; customers are at the centre of everything that we do and are central to our success. This award is really a testament in many ways to the power of technology to drive change and drive change for good,” said Narayen.

The funds advised by Chiratae Ventures India have investments across sectors such as ConsumerTech, SaaS, FinTech, and HealthTech and have been early backers of companies such as Flipkart, Lenskart, Myntra, Pixis, PolicyBazaar, Uniphore, Curefoods, Cult.fit, Fibe, and FirstCry, among many others.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 16, 1974

Well Programme in Tumkur

Tumkur, Oct. 15: Mr. M.H. Parthasarathy, Divisional Commissioner, who presided over the meeting of the District Development Council, directed the officials to complete the drinking water wells programme in rural parts under the rural water supply scheme before the end of March 1975.

The Council also considered the progress of water supply schemes in various parts of the district. For repairs to school buildings, the Council allotted Rs. 23,000 to each taluk out of the grant of Rs. 2.3 lakhs for the district and resolved that the repairs should be done as quickly as possible.

Power schemes: Union Minister’s talks with CM

Bangalore, Oct. 15: The Union Minister of State for Energy, Mr. K.C. Pant had discussions here to-day with the Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs, on power generation in the State with the financially stalled Rs. 280 crore Kali Hydroelectric project figuring prominently.

The Works and Electricity Minister, Mr. H.M. Channabasappa, the Chief Secretary to Government, Mr. G.V.K. Rao and the Commissioner for Public Works, Mr. S. Varadan participated in the talks.

Asked if the Centre would extend financial aid to the Kali project as promised, Mr. Panth said that it was not the first time they had discussed the project and explored the possibilities of expediting it. Mr. Urs was going over to Delhi.

Bridge over many waters

For their ninth edition this weekend, October Octaves will be hosting Thaikkudam Bridge

Ruth Dhanaraj

Ever since their inception, October Octaves by 5M has remained true to their cause of bringing musicians to those parts of the city not frequented by too many cultural events. This year, they are hosting Kochi's Thaikkudam Bridge for an evening of music in South Bengaluru.

Madhavan Ramesh, founder and organiser of 5M says, "Thaikkudam Bridge is one of the most popular bands today with a different delivery of songs and a unique arrangement. Their sound caters to music lovers of all genres and age groups, and the audience are bound to enjoy the show and its inviting visuals."

October Octaves has gained a name for presenting an eclectic lineup of artistes, with guests including Rajasthan's Swaraag, Iranian *daf* players and Japanese drummers, over the years. "Thaikkudam have not performed a ticketed event in this part of town and one of our aims is to promote the best of music in South Bangalore so the dependence on certain venues or areas becomes less," he adds.

Vian Fernandes, vocalist and bassist in Thaikkudam Bridge says, "Bangalore is like a second home to us; we have to shuffle our playlist quite a bit when we are there since we perform in the city quite regularly. While we will play songs from our album *Namah,* we will be debuting new material as well."

Inside story

Known for their high-energy concerts, the members of Thaikkudam Bridge tend to go with the vibe and flow of energy at the venue, usually presenting around 15 songs per show. The band came together when singer-songwriter Govind Vasantha needed a bunch of musicians to work on a project. "Govind called up all the musicians he knew and so did his cousin Siddharth Menon. We all travelled to Kochi, practised and after a week went for the shoot. There, we had to submit a band name for our performance and ended up with Thaikkudam Bridge, since that was where we had been staying," says Vian.

Their project went viral on YouTube and the musicians had to seriously reconsider being a one-time wonder. That was 11 years ago. Today, Thaikkudam Bridge has become a household name with their signature sound of Indian folk, rock, pop and world music. Some of their most popular numbers have been in Malayalam, Tamil and Hindi, as well as English covers.

Vian says, "We have also had a Marathi track and *Namah* has two originals in English, titled 'Inside My Head' and 'I Can See You'. But our fan base mostly connect with our Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi songs."

Back from a recent show in Dubai, he says, "Dubai was our first international destination when we started in 2013. Now, we have at least one show there every year." Given that the Middle East has gradually become an extension of South India, that should not come as a surprise, but Vian says it was their show and audience in Hong Kong that really blew his mind.

"In the early years, the audiences rarely comprised other nationalities but now that has changed with Indians making up only about 30% of the crowd at international venues. In India too, we now have shows in Rourkela, Kolkata and Uttar Pradesh."

Tuning in

With many members of the band settled in different locations and pursuing individual careers, joint practice sessions are few and far in between. "Most of the time, we practice wherever we are and then have a few sessions together before a show. We gather at our drummer Anish's studio, create what we have to create, compose, and then go on stage," says Vian, who is based out of Mumbai.

Considering the band has been together for 11 years with almost all their original members, it would seem this system works for them.

"We recently had an entire practice session at Govind's house, spanning three days. It was like a throwback to 2013, when all the equipment was in one small room – we just practiced, ate, slept and started all over again," he laughs.

Vian admits Thaikkudam has cut back on the number of shows they do now. "Though that was not the norm earlier, we are now finding a balance in between, so we have time to create new stuff, do quality shows, and also live life to the fullest."

Magic of the moment

Vian believes there is a strong case to be made for live shows. "Social media has nothing on live events. That is when you earn an audience and that is where the magic happens. Watching a band live is the only way of emotionally connecting for both parties."

"Live shows changed me as an individual and a musician, and has helped me grow in life. And I know this to be true for others too. The lockdown was an example of that – so many people found strength, peace and comfort, and our music helped them work through their issues. That was when we too, found a deeper meaning in the music we were creating."

"Whenever we start a show, I ask how many first timers are there in the audience and it is heartening; you want to play your very best for their first impression, while the ones who have already been to our shows know the drill and that mix of an audience is what creates magic."

Thaikkudam Bridge by October Octaves will perform on October 19 at Prestige Hari Khoday Auditorium. Tickets on BookMyShow.

Rock on Vian Fernandes (left), Thaikkudam Bridge in action. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shilpa Anandraj

Reality bytes A still from *Ishtihaar,* Deevas Gupta (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Many facets of Manto

Watch the works of Saadat Hasan Manto come alive on stage this weekend in Bengaluru. The play, *Ishtihaar,* was conceived and directed by Deevas Gupta. In Urdu and Hindustani, *Ishtihaar* will feature Deevas with Prakil Singh and Saurabh Soni.

"It is a collection of six stories by Manto," says Deevas. "The USP of the play is that it is fresh every time you watch, as the stories selected and dramatised are different for every show."

Deevas, an architect from Chandigarh, quit his high profile job to pursue theatre and shifted base to Bengaluru over two decades ago. *Ishtihaar,* Deevas says, means a pamphlet or an advertisement. The Manto stories that are a part of this show are *Ek Zaahida Ek Fahisha, Aurat Zaat, Ghuslkhaana, Baadshaahat ka Khaatma, Burqe*, and *Tedhi Lakeer*.

Introduced to Manto's works a decade ago, Deevas chose to dramatise Manto's lesser-known stories. "Whenever we talk about Manto, we talk about his *Toba Tek Singh, Thanda Gosht* or *Khol Do*. Nobody seems to go beyond these though today Manto is being worked with across the globe. When I discovered Manto, I realised that he had written 270 short stories, besides novels and plays. I believe it is injustice to him if he is known as just a 'Partition and prostitution' writer alone."

Manto's legacy, Deevas says, is beyond this. "He is a humorous writer. The manner in which he looks at the society is not only real but also hilarious. It is like choosing to be funny you are telling someone the truth, lest they kill you. You see this style in Manto's writings. He delivers a serious message in a funny manner."

Poetry, Deevas says, was added between each story. "The play goes on for 80 to 90 minutes, and we felt we needed some connector between the stories. Poetry also acts as a relief for the audience to get ready for the next story. This module has worked beautifully for us."

The other challenge, says Deevas, was to pick the poem to go with the theme. "When we could not find suitable poetry, I started writing poems to suit the core themes. The poems are written in a manner ensuring the language remains close to the crux of the story and Manto's use of language." For instance, Deevas says, if the story is in Urdu, the poem is also in Urdu and Hindustani. "*Ishtihaar,* for me, is not just a play, but a project where I want people to learn more about Manto."

Deevas, who is also a voice actor, director and storyteller, became a full-time actor a decade ago and has been writing poems in Hindustani since he was in college. "I have shared my poetry on every possible platform. My first poetry session was held in Urban Solace years ago".

Ishtihaar will be staged by Kinaaya Collective, which was founded by Deevas, Varun Kainth (who moved to the US) and Prakil Singh in 2019. "It started off as our initiative to appreciate arts and an effort to bring all kinds of performing arts together through theatre."

Ishtihaar *will be staged on October 19 at Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield, at 3.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets on BookMyShow.*

The story of a saint

The Hindi adaptation of *Anandowari*, originally penned in Marathi by DB Mokashi, brings to life the profound story of 17th-century Bhakti saint Tukaram, as seen through the eyes of his younger brother, Kanha. This 90-minute play, directed by Gerish Khemani, is a meditation on the poet's absence, weaving together family ties, spiritual devotion, and the existential search for meaning.

The narrative revolves around the three days during which Tukaram goes missing, prompting Kanha's frantic search for his brother. The audience journeys with Kanha, experiencing his moments of introspection, confusion, and eventual acceptance as he reconciles the different facets of Tukaram: loving brother, revolutionary poet, and devout follower of Vitthal.

The play is a beautiful blend of psychological insight and spiritual exploration, enriched by traditional *abhang* compositions sung in Marathi. Varad Salvekar and Hrishabh Kanti lead the cast, promising compelling performances, supported by a minimalist yet evocative backdrop, designed by Sachin Lele's lightwork and Ruturaj Bhosle's score.

***Anandowari* brings psychological and spiritual insight with *abhang* compositions**

Khemani's adaptation pushes beyond Mokashi's original by introducing a meta-narrative – an interplay between the writer's creative consciousness and his subject. Through this juxtaposition, the play delves into the intricate relationship between creator and creation, asking profound questions about identity, faith, and the interconnectedness of human and divine.

On October 16, 7pm to 8.30pm at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. Free entry on a first come first served basis on RSVP and availability. For more information, visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org.

Light and life A still from *Anandowari.* SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

CITYBEATS

Get your cuppa

OCTOBER 18

Paper & Pie along with Espresso Academy is hosting a coffee workshop at their newest outlet in Bellandur. Whether they are serious about gaining insight into the coffee business or simply enjoy a well-brewed cup, participants can learn about the art and science of coffee beans, roasting and brewing techniques as well as how to pair brews and bites, at this session.

To book a place for the workshop call 9035700874 / 9035700876 / 9035700878.

Life is sweet

ONGOING

Magnolia Bakery has introduced gift hampers for Deepavali, that come packed with baked goods. The hampers in three variants offer desserts such as chocolate hazelnut hand pie, sour cream coffee cake, double fudge brownie and magic cookie bar. Also available are eggless options, vanilla bean cheesecake, red velvet cheesecake and mocha cheesecake.

These hampers are available in-store and online till November 30.

Just desserts

ONGOING

Justbe by Nidhi Nahata has introduced personalised Deepavali gift hampers with wholesome desserts, savouries and baked goodies. Choose from a range of desserts, which include mud bites, energy bars, cake in a jar, chia puddings, choffee mousse, choco berry truffles, whole wheat breads, baked nachos and in-house dips. These can be customised and a single dessert jar is priced at ₹375, exclusive of taxes.

Call 8884163061 for details.

Samsung strike withdrawn, declares govt.; union says decision will be made only today

Four key decisions were taken during talks between the management and the striking workers on Tuesday. It was decided that all workers should call off the strike immediately and return to work, and when they do, the management should not victimise them for participating in the strike

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CHENNAI

Workers at Samsung India's manufacturing facility in Sriperumbudur have been on a strike since September 9, demanding better wages and recognition of a newly formed union.

While the Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday announced that the Samsung workers' strike had been called off, the leaders of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) said a decision would be taken only on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, talks between the management and the striking workers were held in the presence of officials of the Department of Labour. According to a statement issued by the Labour Department, four key decisions were taken during the talks.

It was decided that all the workers should call off their strike immediately and return to work, and when they do, the management should not victimise the workers for having participated in the strike. After joining duty, the workers should cooperate fully with the management, and not indulge in any acts prejudicial to the interest of the management. The management should file a written reply to the charter of demands submitted by the workers before the conciliation officer.

The statement from the Labour Department noted that both the parties had accepted the advice. "The workers said that they would call off the strike immediately and return to work. Thus, the strike at the Samsung factory has come to an end, and all the workers are resuming work," it said.

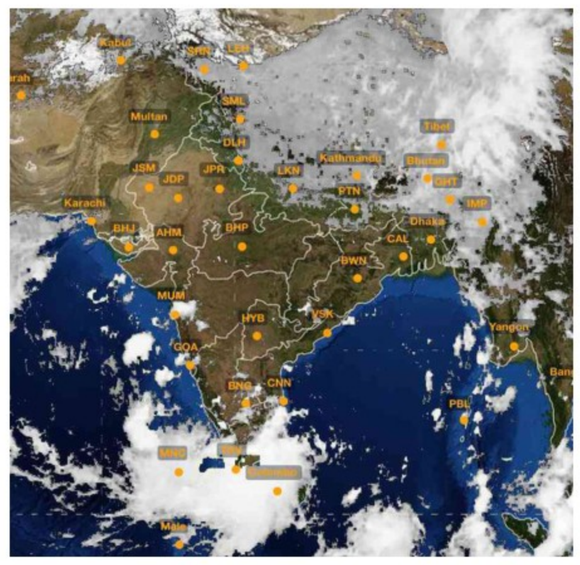
However, E. Muthukumar, Kancheepuram district secretary of the CITU, who has been leading the strike, said, "We will discuss this with the workers and make our announcement [on withdrawing the strike] on Wednesday. We are having a meeting at 11 a.m. in Kancheepuram. The discussions with the government went smoothly on Tuesday. But wait till we make the final announcement tomorrow (Wednesday)."

A few hours after the official announcement, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin posted a message on X (formerly Twitter) saying he was glad that an amicable solution had been found for the Samsung issue. He further said that the CITU had been supportive and cooperative in solving the problem.

Workers at Samsung India's manufacturing facility in Sriperumbudur have been on a strike since September 9, demanding better wages and recognition of their newly-formed union – the Samsung India Workers' Union.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Karnataka and Konkan & Goa. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Telangana, central Maharashtra and Gujarat

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.7	25.5	Kozhikode	15	31.6	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	35.1	25.9	Kurnool	—	31.0	25.0
Aizawl	—	30.4	20.2	Lucknow	—	33.5	21.2
Allahabad	—	34.4	21.4	Madurai	3	31.4	23.1
Bengaluru	59.8	21.9	20.2	Mangaluru	9.8	27.6	23.6
Bhopal	14	31.8	22.6	Mumbai	—	32.7	24.9
Bhubaneswar	—	35.7	25.2	Mysuru	—	29.4	20.0
Chandigarh	—	33.3	19.5	New Delhi	—	34.2	17.4
Chennai	72	26.4	23.8	Patna	—	32.9	25.0
Coimbatore	23	29.4	22.0	Port Blair	4	31.0	25.8
Dehradun	—	31.7	18.9	Puducherry	—	29.0	26.0
Gangtok	7	17.6	15.0	Pune	—	34.6	24.3
Goa	—	32.2	25.9	Raipur	—	34.6	25.0
Guwahati	—	31.2	23.2	Ranchi	1	29.4	21.6
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	0.4	22.0	14.4
Hyderabad	6	29.9	23.4	Shimla	—	25.2	14.5
Imphal	—	28.7	16.3	Srinagar	—	25.9	6.5
Jaipur	—	33.8	24.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.1	25.3
Kochi	2	29.8	24.6	Tiruchi	19	29.5	23.0
Kohima	—	20.0	13.2	Vijayawada	5	31.7	25.5
Kolkata	—	34.5	26.0	Visakhapatnam	23	32.1	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	3	20	28	119	134	
Bengaluru	—	29	94	44	45	
Chennai	6	19	162	23	28	
Delhi	14	111	79	282	438	
Hyderabad	8	20	57	50	122	
Kolkata	7	46	44	248	144	
Lucknow	15	7	14	78	127	
Mumbai	8	109	92	19	46	
Pune	11	121	112	61	73	
Visakhapatnam	10	37	33	—	—	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dharuhera, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 267 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Probe hints at sabotage angle in T.N. train accident

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

A multi-departmental probe into the circumstances that led to the accident of the Mysuru-Darbhanga Bagmati Express at Kavarapettai in Southern Railway's Chennai Division on Friday night, has found nuts and bolts "missing" from a crucial point on the railway line, suggesting a possible sabotage angle.

According to railway sources, the probe pertains to the rear-end collision of the Bagmati Express, which passed the green signal set for the main line at 90 kmph speed but ran into the loop line and hit an empty goods train. The accident resulted in the derailment of about 13 coaches and injuries to some passengers. A parcel-cum-power car went up in flames in the impact of the collision.

As usual with train accidents, an investigation by a team of multi-departmental officials was ordered into the incident. A team of seven officials who inspected the scene, submitted a 16-page joint observation report on Saturday. However, the team did not come to any conclusion on what led to the accident.

The report did not mention or elaborate certain crucial points such as: how the particular point on the railway line got set to loop line when the train was given signal to run on the main line; what triggered the fire in the parcel-cum-power car; panel switch positions at the Kavarapettai Station Master's cabin; and analysis of data logger that contain vital data on the signal and live train movement, the sources said. Even as the Southern Railway General Manager R.N. Singh went on record saying that "something unusual happened and the train, instead of taking the main line, entered the loop line... there was some change in the point setting. It happened by some fault or some other reason", the probe team did not give any *prima facie* explanation of the same.

Asked for his comments on the report, a senior railway officer said that though a sabotage angle could not be ruled out, nuts and bolts could also have been thrown far away in heavy impact of the accident.

Officials of the NIA too inspected the scene of accident. However, no case was registered till late on Monday, sources in the agency told *The Hindu*.

Northeast monsoon sets in over T.N.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The northeast monsoon set in over Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on Tuesday, bringing heavy rain to the northern parts of the State, particularly Chennai and its neighbouring districts.

A red alert has been sounded for Chennai and its neighbouring areas for Wednesday too, indicating the possibility of isolated extremely heavy rain.

The well-marked low-pressure area has intensified into a depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal, and lies about 490 km south-east of Chennai. It is likely to cross the north Tamil Nadu and south Andhra Pradesh coasts between Puducherry and Nellore, close to Chennai, in the early hours of Thursday.

Holiday

The State government has announced a holiday on Wednesday for schools and colleges in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Chengalpattu districts.

Sufferers, awarded

The Peace Nobel this year should stir debates on nuclear disarmament

Seventy-nine years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki were subject to unprecedented devastation following the U.S.'s act of dropping atomic bombs on these cities, Nihon Hidankyo, the organisation that worked for the welfare of the survivors – called the hibakusha – and steadfastly sought to build consensus on the need for the abolition of nuclear weapons, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024. Today, there are barely more than a lakh survivors of the bombings, with the average age of the hibakusha more than 86 years. An estimated 1.5 lakh people died due to the bombings, and many more later due to the after-effects of the exposure to radioactivity. The horrors of the atomic bombings and the inaction by the post-war government, largely due to U.S. censorship of news of the suffering of the hibakusha, crystallised in the formation of the Hidankyo which lobbied and agitated for medical and welfare benefits to the hibakusha and took a steadfast position against atomic weapons. This is emphasised in their slogan, "no more hibakusha". Besides their activism in Japan, the Hidankyo also went on tours to several countries, including India, to share their suffering and sensitise the world to the horrors of the use of atomic weapons. The Nobel Committee must be commended for recognising the Hidankyo, whose activism as some scholars aver, helped shift the political discourse in Japan towards greater democracy and justice and sensitise the public to the doctrine of pacifism, which was incorporated into Japan's Constitution after its defeat in the Second World War.

Yet, despite the activism of anti-war organisations and social movements – in these the selflessness of the Hidankyo and the fact that they were the direct sufferers of the use of atomic weapons stand out – nuclear states continue to deploy weapons in their arsenal and use them for sabre-rattling. A case in point is Russia's recent and unambiguous statement that it will not hesitate to use its nuclear weapons to retaliate against a conventional attack and its use of this threat to brazenly prolong its invasion of Ukraine. There is also the fact that countries such as Israel have surreptitiously acquired nuclear weapons, leading to a nuclear arms race in volatile regions such as West Asia. Existing mechanisms for nuclear non-proliferation also seem to be vitiated by geopolitics even as the nuclear powers have shown little appetite for serious disarmament. Against such a sad reality, the recognition for the Hidankyo, whose hibakusha members are in the evening of their lives, should at least remind the world yet again about the horrors of atomic bomb attacks and stir a debate on meaningful nuclear disarmament.

Deeper role

The escalating conflict cycle in West Asia could have disastrous consequences

The Biden administration's decision to send an advanced anti-missile system to Israel, and soldiers to operate it, is the latest sign that the U.S. is getting drawn into the unfolding conflict in West Asia. Ever since the latest war here broke out, after Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, the U.S. had publicly maintained that it did not want a regional war. The U.S President adopted a twin approach – to give Israel a free hand in its war on Gaza, while spending America's diplomatic and military resources to prevent an escalation. When Israel carried out a disastrous, disproportionate war on Gaza, facing allegations of genocide, Mr. Biden sent Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken several times to the region to keep the American coalition intact. The U.S. launched an airstrike campaign against Yemen's Houthis – who "declared war against Israel" and attacked commercial vessels in the Red Sea – and also strikes against Hashad al-Shabi, the Shia militias in Iraq and Syria, while Secretary Blinken held the American-Arab alliance together. But what Mr. Biden did not do was to put meaningful pressure on Israel, which is now accused by a UN investigation of having committed war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza. The Brown University's Costs of War project says that the Biden administration has sent $17.9 billion in military assistance to Israel since October 2023. Washington did little when Israel took the war to Iran by bombing the Iranian embassy in Damascus or when it launched the Lebanon invasion.

The U.S. decision to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system also points to the precarious security situation its ally is in. After 12 months of war, Israel is yet to meet its objectives. Hamas still fires rockets into Israel. Hezbollah has stepped up rocket and drone attacks after Israel's Lebanon invasion. On Sunday, a Hezbollah drone struck an Israeli military base, killing four soldiers. On October 1, Iran launched a massive ballistic missile attack on Israel. While most of the 200 Iranian missiles were intercepted by Israeli and American systems, dozens hit at least two Israeli air bases. With Israel preparing its response to Iran amid Iranian threats of a counter-retaliation, the U.S. finds it necessary to bolster the defences of its ally. The move also underscores the argument that Israel is overwhelmingly dependent on the U.S. for security and defence, which gives Washington substantial leverage over Tel Aviv. For some strange reasons, the Biden administration has, until now, refused to use that leverage as Israel has gone rogue in Gaza, West Bank, Syria and Lebanon. This escalation cycle could drag the U.S. deeper into the conflict, with disastrous consequences for all parties, unless Washington reins in its closest ally.

A food-sufficient India needs to be hunger-free too

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Ending hunger, food insecurity and any form of malnutrition is one of the Sustainable Development Goals set to be realised by 2030. Such a goal is far removed from its realisation given rising conflicts, climate vulnerability and extremes as well as economic slowdown in regions that remain vulnerable and food deficient.

Food insecurity and malnutrition are a manifestation of a lack of access to and the unaffordability of healthy diets. In fact, food sufficiency serves as a pre-requisite to address hunger. But for a nation to be food sufficient, it needs to have an ideal distributional mechanism that ensures universal access to food that is affordable. Further, adequate food does not necessarily imply balanced food intake with all required nutrients to address the concern of malnourishment. Hence, a transformation from a hunger-free environment to a nutritionally compliant one needs to take into account the unaffordability of healthy diets, unhealthy food intakes and their underlying inequalities across the population segment.

A lack of purchasing capacity

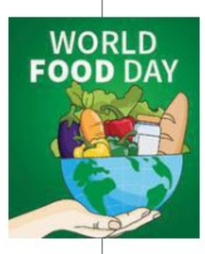
The global hunger assessment based on the prevalence of undernourishment shows a continuing lack of progress towards the goal of zero hunger. The global magnitude of the undernourished has risen to 9.4%, or 757 million people as of 2023. It is disproportionate in the African region with 20.4% facing hunger. In comparison, 8.1% in Asia, 6.2% in Latin America and the Caribbean and 7.3% in Oceania are undernourished. However, in real counts, Asia is home to the largest magnitude of those who are hungry – 384.5 million – as compared with 298.4 million in Africa.

The projected trends too are more disappointing in the sense that by the end of this decade, i.e., 2030, half of the world's hungry/undernourished will be in Africa. The other distinct feature of undernourishment is its rural bias with a marginal advantage in urban and semi-urban areas. The gender divide in this adversity disadvantages women over men although such a divide is narrowing.

While food insecurity results in undernourishment or manifestation of hunger, the intrinsic connect lies with the lack of a purchasing capacity for adequate food. In this perspective, the cost and affordability of a healthy diet (CoHD) assumes significance. The cost of a healthy diet has risen in recent years world-wide, peaking at an average of 3.96 purchasing power parity (PPP) dollars per person per day in 2022. This undoubtedly varies across world regions in PPP terms, with the same being at $4.20 in Asia.

> There needs to be a transformation of India's agri-food system, ensuring that healthy diets are available and affordable for all

Despite rising CoHD, those unable to afford a healthy diet at the global level decreased from 2.88 billion in 2021 to 2.83 billion in 2022. However, in low-income countries, many still lack access to a healthy diet. This is a real threat to the dream target of zero hunger in the world by 2030. A practical solution lies in regulating food prices and a reduced share of food expenditure in the total expenditure that makes healthy diets universally affordable. On this count the Indian scene is examined with a focus on *thali*nomics that contemplates rising affordability for a nutritionally compliant meal for every Indian.



A recent exploration shows that the share of the rural Indian population in 2011 unable to afford the cost of a required diet (CoRD) even with 100% income spent on food would be 63.3% or 527.4 million. There is a lack of improvement in food security and uneven progress in economic access to healthy diets. This is a wake-up call. For this to change, there needs to be a transformation of India's agri-food system so that it builds resilience in its major drivers and addresses inequalities, ensuring that healthy diets are available and affordable for all.

Unhealthy diets in India

Diets in India are generally unhealthy and there is an imbalance in composition in relation to the EAT-*Lancet* reference ('the first full scientific review of what constitutes a healthy diet from a sustainable food system') or the recommendations by the Indian Council of Medical Research. In fact, qualifying such reference diets would not be affordable for much of the low income population. In South Asia, a reference diet might cost 60% of the mean daily per capita household income. The lack of affordability of healthy foods may be one of the reasons for their low consumption in India.

However, in the midst of subsidies and market regulation of prices of basic food such as cereals in India, low affordability may not be the sole reason for non-compliance with required food intake.

Evidence suggests that the richest 5% of Indian households too consume less of protein rich food against processed food. This points to a lack of availability, accessibility, awareness, and acceptability being the other major causes for the poor quality of diets.

On the Global Hunger Index

Going back to the assessment of hunger globally and in India, there is continuing controversy in relation to the Global Hunger Index (GHI) that places India poorly in relation to other nations. However, close attention to this issue has not been given as the GHI connects less with hunger per say. This is because its components are more about nutrition and early age mortality. The realistic hunger domain may go well beyond food insecurity and nutritional compliance to the basics of having a square meal a day. This is a statistic that is much available in our own surveys which shows the number of meals consumed by individuals in the last 30 days. Such information reveals the average number of meals consumed in a day. According to these statistics by the NSSO on the recent consumption expenditure surveys, 3.2% of the Indian population are not compliant with a minimum of 60 meals in a month, which is equal to a square meal a day. In fact, more than 50% of the population are reported to have three meals a day. Using the calculation of those who fall short of having two square meals a day, one arrives at the calculation of 2.5% of the population that might fall under this category. In a population of 140 crore, this can be calculated as 3.5 crore, which is still a number that cannot be ignored.

World Food Day this year has the theme 'Right to foods for a better life and a better future', which highlights the significance of a hunger-free world with the universal right to food. Although a right to food campaign in India has gained sufficient momentum to ensure food security for every citizen, the ground reality reflects some failure. There are situations and circumstances wherein individuals may go hungry as they do not have the means to buy food. But mechanisms to provide free food by setting up food banks that evolve as a way to avoid food waste may be an ideal alternative. Discouraging food waste and organising proper food collection and distribution may be a step in ensuring that no one is left hungry.

A nation that is proud about being self-sufficient in its food needs to qualify as being a hunger-free nation as well. Food sufficient regions in the world should ensure redistribution in a humanitarian manner so that the food deficient ones are not left out.

Food access is about equitable agrifood systems

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October 16, 2024 is World Food Day with the theme this year being 'right to foods for a better life and a better future'. The theme highlights the importance of access to safe, nutritious, and affordable food for all. The Rome-based agencies, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP) are collaborating with the Government of India to uphold this human right, which is essential for healthy, productive lives free from hunger and malnutrition.

Food security is vital for individual well-being and social stability. Access to food supports peaceful, prosperous communities. The FAO's 2024 report estimates that 733 million people face hunger, highlighting the urgency of addressing food insecurity.

India's Green Revolution was crucial for food availability. Now, the focus includes nutrition, which is vital for children's development and economic productivity. Initiatives such as the White Revolution in milk and the Blue Transformation in fisheries have transformed India's agrifood system. These efforts highlight the need for diverse food sources, ensuring safe and nutritious food for everyone. We can address inequalities and empower marginalised communities by prioritising the right to food and nutrition security.

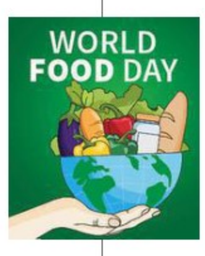
India's journey towards food security

India has made significant strides in food security over the past 60 years. Once a food-deficient nation, it has transformed itself into a food-surplus country, driven by the Green Revolution, effective policies, advancements from institutions such as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and improved supply chains. Millions have contributed to ensuring reliable food access for India's growing population, even in these challenging times.

A key pillar of India's food security is the National Food Security Act (NFSA) of 2013, which provides food entitlements to over 800 million citizens. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently approved the distribution of fortified rice from July 2024 to December 2028, reflecting India's commitment to improving nutrition and food security.

> Addressing food inequality and ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious food are essential steps

India's food safety systems reflect a strong commitment to preventing hunger among its citizens. The effective collaboration between national policies and local initiatives showcases the robustness of the country's food security framework. As India advances, these systems will be crucial for fostering resilience to future environmental, economic, or health-related issues.



Challenges in the agriculture sector

While India's agricultural sector is the cornerstone of its economy, it faces several challenges. Of its 93.09 million agrarian households, approximately 82% are small and marginal farmers holding less than two hectares of land. These farmers encounter various difficulties that impact productivity and rural livelihoods.

Natural resource degradation challenges us. Overusing groundwater strains water tables while chemical fertilizers and monocropping harm soil and agricultural productivity. Ongoing improvements in water usage and soil management are crucial. Fragmented landholding limits smallholder farmers' adoption of modern techniques, reducing productivity and income. Enhancing access to appropriate technologies is vital.

Improving market access is also crucial. Many smallholder farmers need help accessing markets effectively due to infrastructure limitations and supply chain inefficiencies. By facilitating better links between production and markets, farmers can increase their incomes and reduce food waste.

Rural poverty and inequality also present ongoing challenges. Ensuring that small and marginal farmers can access financial services, technology and modern irrigation systems will be vital for improving agricultural productivity and enhancing their livelihoods.

While climate change continues to pose risks to agriculture, including erratic weather patterns, addressing these risks through sustainable agricultural practices such as water conservation and soil health restoration can help to build resilience in farming communities.

The Rome-based agencies and the Government of India also promote natural resource management, market access and modern agricultural practices. By providing education, technology, financial support and resources to vulnerable communities, we aim to empower smallholder farmers and create a sustainable agricultural system that ensures food security and rural prosperity.

The Right to Food extends beyond agriculture and touches the lives of all citizens, including the millions living in non-agricultural households. Access to safe, nutritious and affordable food is a fundamental human right for all, regardless of employment or location. With increasing urbanisation, ensuring food security for non-farming families is as important as supporting rural farmers.

Food availability for non-agricultural households relies on a resilient food system. Addressing food inequality and ensuring everyone has access to nutritious food, especially in urban areas, are essential. Strong social safety nets and market interventions are crucial for stabilising prices and supporting the most vulnerable.

Through the Public Distribution System, India has made significant progress in ensuring food access across agricultural and non-agricultural households. Continued efforts are necessary to address food access inequalities and ensure that everyone benefits from India's agricultural advancements.

Collective responsibility

On World Food Day 2024, we are reminded that ensuring food access is not just about increasing production but also building equitable, resilient, and sustainable agrifood systems that work for everyone. The partnership between the FAO, the IFAD, the WFP, and the Government of India underscores our collective responsibility to achieve food security.

We must continue to support both farmers and non-agricultural families, strengthen livelihoods, and reduce food inequalities, ensuring that no one is left behind in our collective responsibility to achieve the foundation for a healthier, more prosperous, and peaceful society where everyone can contribute to and benefit from a better life and a better future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Frayed ties

The mutual bashing by both India and Canada seems to have taken a serious turn (Page 1, October 15). However, the core issue is the 'sheltering' of Khalistani elements in Canada which cannot be overlooked. It is unfortunate that ties have deteriorated but the issues can still be resolved.

Govardhana Myneedu,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

I am an octogenarian and an ex-serviceman who served in the Indian Air Force in all the three wars — 1962, 1965 and 1971. I am flummoxed by how India is surviving without friends. We are no friend to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and now Canada. How long will this go on?

C.K. Prem Kumar,
Kalvakulam, Palakkad, Kerala

Flood 'mitigation'

The rains are upon us and we in Tamil Nadu are watching the 'efforts' in trying to 'make Chennai and other districts flood proof'. IAS officers, government officials, senior Ministers are all at it. But, there is one entity they have left out — members of the public, especially residents who face flooding and inundation. A responsible government should discuss serious issues with at least long-time residents. Only they know why it happens and are aware of the possible solutions. Without this vital step, flood mitigation preparedness in the city and State will remain an eyewash.

Usha Sundar,
Chennai

Nadal's retirement

The decision by legendary tennis player Rafael Nadal to call it a day does not spring a surprise. But the urge to pigeon hole his legacy as merely the greatest clay courter would be a disservice to him.

M. Jeyaram,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

'Yield' can't be the sole indicator for agriculture

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India, like most countries, understands agriculture through the golden metric of 'yield'– the kilogramme of output produced per unit of land, usually counted as kg/hectare. This needs to change.

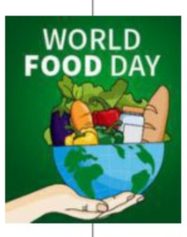
In independent India, the focus on yield ensured food for a growing population. Historically, the emphasis on yield stemmed from the fact that land is usually considered the most scarce resource among all the inputs essential for agriculture. Now, the other inputs, such as water, plant nutrition, and labour, are also becoming scarce. Moreover, solely maximising yield adversely impacts the health and economic well-being of the producers and consumers at times – the very outcomes that yield maximisation should contribute to.

High yield, many losses

This doubling down on yield has led to a singular emphasis on enhancing the quantity of output with little attention to the nutritional profile of the food being grown. A recent study by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) found that the chase for high-yielding varieties of rice and wheat has reduced micronutrient densities, with zinc levels dropping by 33% in rice and 30% in wheat, and iron dropping by 27% in rice and 19% in wheat. Plant breeders developing newer varieties of grains are not even mandated to publish the nutritional profile of the variety. This lack of nutrition in Indian food leads to micronutrient deficiencies. According to the latest National Family Health Survey report, a third of Indian children under five are stunted, and two-thirds are anaemic.

Conventional wisdom is that maximising yields maximises farmers' net income. Not always. The marginal cost at which the additional yield comes is important to consider. With crops' response to fertilizer declining by more than 80% since the 1970s, farmers are putting more fertilizers to get the same yield.

Additionally, a singular focus on maximising yield may help with seasonal outputs but may not maximise output the whole year round. Agricultural scientists, while designing seed varieties, pay little regard to the on-field symbiotic relations between crops within and across seasons. Often, the combination of crops in a season and across seasons may not maximise yield in one season but may maximise overall nutritional output and profit over the year (across seasons). A study from Andhra Pradesh highlights the economic benefits of intercropping sugarcane with chilli, eggplant, tomato, and coriander, providing year-round stable farm income while enhancing profitability.



Moreover, a singular focus on yield maximisation structurally promotes only a few high-yielding varieties of seeds everywhere, leading to biodiversity loss. For instance, India has lost about 1,04,000 varieties of rice since the Green Revolution. This has undermined agricultural resilience, especially in the wake of intensifying floods, droughts, and heatwaves due to climate change. Many local varieties have proven to be more resilient to such extreme conditions.

The chase for high-yielding crops has also led to the decline of resilient and nutritious ones. For instance, the area sown under coarse cereals such as millets has dropped by 10 million hectares since the 1950s, whereas the share of rice and wheat has gone up by 13 million hectares and 21 million hectares, respectively. This diversity loss in production reduces the diversity in the Thali of an average Indian.

Looking at better indicators

A few principles can help us shape better indicators for India's agriculture system. First, our food system impacts the health of our nation and is dependent on critical natural resources. Thus, agriculture indicators should not be determined only by the Ministry of Agriculture or its associated ICAR institutions, but collectively by the Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Water, and Environment.

Second, the indicators should directly address the outcomes. If nutritional security is the goal, the indicator could be nutritional output per hectare per year (and over the years).

Third, metrics such as soil biological activity, water-use efficiency, and farm biodiversity must be mainstreamed. For example, the inclusion of soil organic carbon in soil health cards is a good step. Similarly, the AI-powered 'Saagu Baagu' pilot project in Telangana's Khammam district focuses on improving water-use efficiency and enhancing farm biodiversity by providing farmers with real-time data and recommendations for optimal irrigation and crop management practices.

Fourth, we must measure not only crop diversity at the farm level but also capture a 'Landscape Diversity Score' (assessing the regional diversity of crops) and degree of income diversification (tracking economic resilience through multiple income streams, like intercropping and livestock rearing). For instance, a region with only one dominating crop is much more susceptible to price shocks and pest attacks.

A single indicator cannot do justice to the multiple outcomes that the agriculture system is supposed to serve. Chasing yields has pulled India away from devastating famine. But that cannot be the only goal going forward, with increasing climate threats and declining natural resources making our food systems vulnerable. It is time to champion a new paradigm where agricultural success is measured by its ability to nourish people, sustain livelihoods, and protect our planet for future generations.

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A trying time for the YSRCP

Many prominent leaders have deserted the party and are flocking to the NDA

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Several leaders have deserted the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) after it suffered its worst-ever poll debacle in the Assembly elections this year. This casts some doubt over the future of the 13-year-old party.

YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy steered the party to power in 2019, winning 151 of the 175 Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh. However, in the 2024 Assembly elections, the party's performance was dismal. It lost against the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led National Democratic Alliance and won only 11 seats. Of these, seven were from the Rayalaseema region.

Some leaders who were discontent with Mr. Reddy's functioning chose to air their grievances publicly after the party's disastrous performance. Two Rajya Sabha MPs, two MLCs, and party representatives in urban and local bodies have resigned and are set to join any of the three constituents of the NDA: the TDP, the Jana Sena Party (JSP), or the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Switching loyalties is not new in State politics. Mr. Reddy, who criticised the TDP for the defection of 23 YSRCP MLAs between 2014 and 2019, also encouraged four TDP MLAs to support his government, though he did not allow them to join the party. With the change of guard, the fence-sitters are once again looking at the side that has brighter prospects.

While the YSRCP bounced back in 2019 even after 23 MLAs and three MPs left the party, the scenario might not be the same this time. In just over 100 days since the party's

defeat, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy has lost leaders who are not just politicians, but staunch loyalists of the YSRCP. He has also seen family members leave the party. Former Minister Balineni Sreenivasa Reddy, a close relative of the former Chief Minister; former Minister Mopidevi Venkataramana Rao; and former MLAs Samineni Udayabhanu and Kilari Rosaih have left the party. The three men were loyal to Mr. Reddy's father, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, and had stuck with the YSRCP chief during turbulent times.

This shows that Mr. Reddy is getting isolated. Party persons say that Mr. Reddy did not coordinate well and have dialogues with leaders of the party. They alleged that he left party affairs to the people in his coterie. He seldom tried to speak with disgruntled leaders; this, they said, made matters worse for him.

The question now is, can Mr. Reddy keep the remaining flock of his MLAs, MPs, MLCs and leaders together? The government needs Rajya Sabha members and Lok Sabha members to pass crucial Bills. This leaves YSRCP Rajya Sabha members and MLCs vulnerable for poaching. There are already murmurs in political circles that some YSRCP Rajya Sabha members, MLCs, and party leaders are in touch with the NDA and may jump ship soon. Mopidevi Venkataramana Rao, Beeda Mastan Rao, and R. Krishnaiah have all resigned from their Rajya Sabha membership, bringing down the strength of the YSRCP in the Upper House from 11 to 8.

Initially, the YSRCP believed that the NDA would not spread a red carpet for defecting leaders as doing so may cause a rift among the parties of the alliance. However, with JSP chief Pawan Kalyan welcoming senior leaders Mr. Balineni Reddy, Mr. Udayabhanu, and Mr. Kilari Rosaih with open arms, that belief is slowly changing.

Leaders of the YSRCP may not think much before joining the ruling alliance as the TDP is keen on implementing its 'Red Book'. The Red Book is an initiative of the party to keep track of all the government officers, particularly police officers, who have been allegedly acting on the YSRCP's command and "terrorising" TDP cadre. In September, former MP Nandigam Suresh was arrested in a case relating to an attack on the TDP headquarters in 2021. Other former ministers and MLAs have also been booked in various cases.

Despite these challenges, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy cannot be written off. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu too was written off after the 2019 elections, but he proved all the naysayers wrong with a remarkable comeback from political wilderness just five years later.

Mr. Reddy has also shown that he has a fighting spirit. He won 67 of the 175 Assembly seats in the 2014 elections after being imprisoned for 16 months in the disproportionate assets case. He walked out of prison in 2013 and managed to secure 44.60% votes against the NDA in the 2014 elections. So, while the YSRCP may face trying times now, political equations could change sooner than later.

Half of UAPA investigations pending for over three years

While stalled investigations are par for the course, the draconian nature of the UAPA makes the process the punishment

DATA POINT

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Three recent developments have put the spotlight back on prolonged detentions, stalled investigations, and inordinate delays on bail matters under the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967.

On October 12, former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba died just months after getting acquitted in a UAPA case, following a decade of incarceration. Last week, the bail plea of Jawaharlal Nehru University student, Umar Khalid, who was arrested under the UAPA four years ago, was once again postponed, as the Bench could not assemble with the judges on leave. Last month, the Supreme Court granted bail to a UAPA accused, who was in prison for more than four years, citing the delay in trial.

Twice this year, the Supreme Court made observations related to bail denials and delays in trial in UAPA cases. In August, the Court reiterated that "bail is the rule and jail is the exception" even if the offence is under the UAPA. In September, the Court observed that the graver the offence and the more the restrictions on bail, the faster the trial should be completed.

Data show that half the cases filed under the UAPA were pending at various stages of police investigation for over three years, at the end of 2022. This is the second highest such share across 122 crime heads, such as murder and gambling.

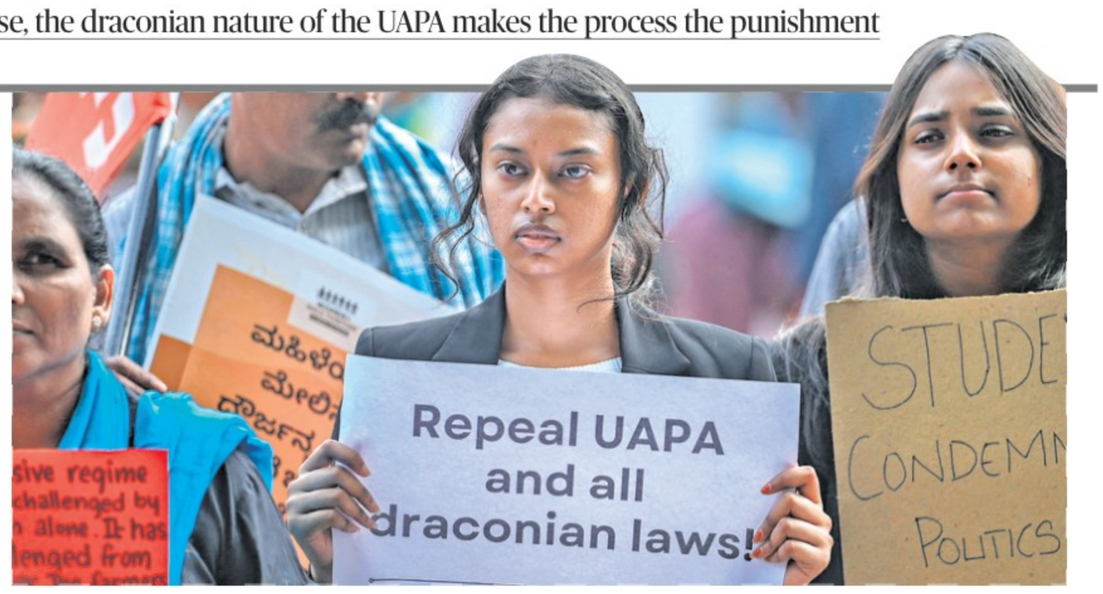
Chart 1 shows the number of cases (horizontal axis) and the share of cases (vertical axis) pending police investigation for over three years under all the 122 crime heads of the Indian Penal Code (now called the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita) and the Special and Local Laws, at the end of 2022. Over 2,020 UAPA cases were pending investigation for over three years, 50% of the total such cases pending at the end of 2022 (4,037). The UAPA is a stark outlier in the share of such cases. Cases registered under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981 (57%) and Passports Act, 1967 (43%) had the next highest shares.

Not only is the share of UAPA cases pending investigation for more than three years high, but it has also increased in the recent past. The share of UAPA cases pending for over three years increased from 40% at the end of 2019 to 50% at the end of 2022 **(Chart 2)**.

Chart 3 shows the number of persons arrested under the UAPA, persons charge sheeted, discharged, acquitted, and convicted in the 2017-2022 period. While it is important to recognise that those arrested during this period may not necessarily be the same people who were convicted or acquitted in the period, the data still provides a useful approximation of the overall trend. The number of those convicted, acquitted, and discharged formed less than 10% of the people arrested in the period, pointing to delayed trials.

While stalled police investigations and delayed trials are par for the course in the Indian justice system, what makes laws such as UAPA draconian is that the people arrested are rarely let out on bail. **Chart 4** shows the number of people arrested under the UAPA between 2018 and 2020, and the number of people who were convicted, acquitted, got bail, and those who did not feature under any of the three categories. The caveat for Chart 3 applies for Chart 4 too.

While 23% of those arrested under the UAPA got bail, 3% were convicted and 7% were acquitted. The rest 67% were languishing in jail. Together, the charts show that in cases filed under the UAPA, the process is the punishment.



Guilty until proven innocent

The data for the charts were sourced from the National Crime Records Bureau

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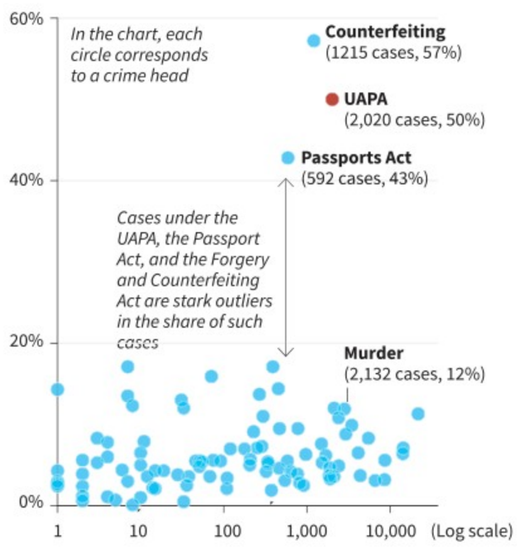


Chart 2: Share of UAPA cases pending investigation for over three years, at the end of 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

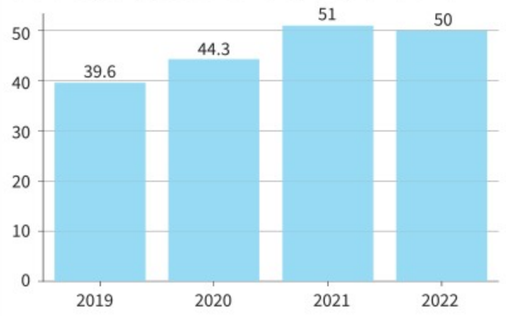


Chart 3: People arrested, charge sheeted, discharged, acquitted and convicted under the UAPA (2017-2022)

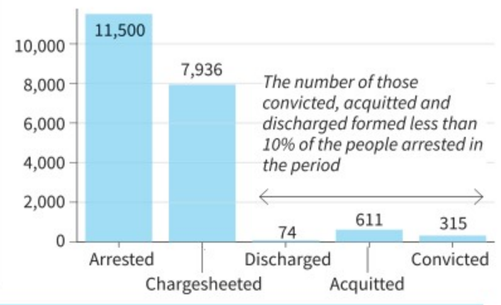
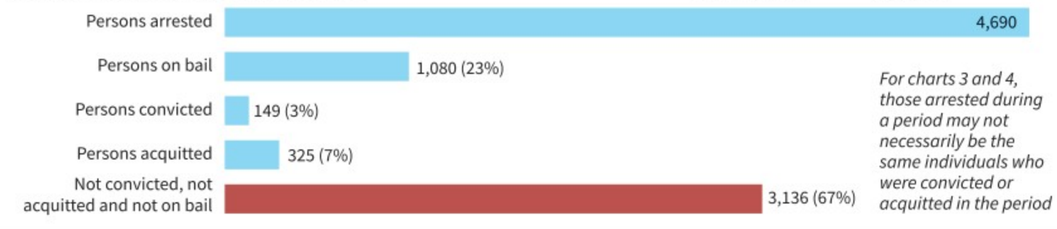


Chart 4: People arrested under the UAPA who were convicted, acquitted, got bail and those who did not feature under any of the three categories between 2018 and 2020



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 16, 1974

Heart transplant pioneer's new surgical feat

Johannesburg, Oct. 15: A three-year-old Rhodesian girl has undergone a long, complicated heart operation that changed "the whole quality of her life" by correcting a defect that had kept her from walking or talking, the girl's mother said yesterday. The operation was performed at the Red Cross Memorial Hospital in Cape Town on August 20 by a surgical team headed by Dr. Christian Barnard, the heart transplant pioneer, the hospital superintendent said. Few details of the operation have been made public. Dr. Barnard and the other doctors involved are unwilling to comment.

The Johannesburg Star said the 12.5 hour operation was believed to be the first of its kind. It described the procedure as more difficult than a heart transplant. The newpaper said that the operation involved replacing arteries and fitting plastic walls and patches. The South African Press Association report said that the girl was born with transposed arteries and two holes in the heart.

"Dr. Barnard told us she had only six months to a year to live and it was a last desperate attempt to save her," Mrs. Correira, the mother of the child, said. Mrs. Correira said the child's arteries came out of the wrong side of the heart and that there were holes in the top and bottom walls of the heart which allowed blood to seep out. The holes kept the child alive because they provided a second system of blood circulation. The mixture of the blood which seeped out kept her alive long enough for the first operation.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 16, 1924

Sweden: Engineering industry

The recovery in the Swedish engineering industry has continued during the past few months, but at a slower pace than at the beginning of the year. Foreign competition is still keen, although, of course, the stabilisation of the German currency has improved the situation to some extent. Conditions in the industry are not yet quite satisfactory, owing to the low prices and the limited markets. The number of hands employed in the mechanical workshops during the period April-June showed an increase of 600 to 30,100; at the shipyards there was an increase of 800, raising the total number of workers to 6,200; while the electrical industry showed a decrease of 200 to 4,500.

From Page One

Maharashtra, Jharkhand to hold polls in November

The Code is also applicable to the Centre in so far as announcements or policy decisions pertaining to Jharkhand and Maharashtra are concerned.

Mr. Kumar said the Commission has made elaborate arrangements to ensure the effective implementation of MCC guidelines. It has issued instructions for swift, effective, and stringent action to enforce the Code during the first 72 hours after the election schedule was announced, and for extra vigilance and strict enforcement action during the last 72 hours before the close of polls as well.

The bypoll to the Wayanad parliamentary seat and 47 Assembly seats will be conducted on November 13, along with the the first phase of polling in Jharkhand. The bypoll to the Nanded Lok Sabha seat and the Kedarnath Assembly seat will be held on November 20, along with the Maharashtra Assembly poll and the second phase of the Jharkhand election. The CEC said that bypolls have not been announced for the Basirhat Lok Sabha seat in West Bengal and the Milkipur seat in Uttar Pradesh, as election petitions are pending in the High Courts against the candidates who had won from these seats.

The slew of bypolls will take place in Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

CEC slams exit polls, trends on TV channels

Mr. Kumar, who announced the schedules for Assembly elections in Jharkhand and Maharashtra as well as 50 bypolls in 15 States, was responding to a query on the accuracy of exit polls. The pollsters and the press, particularly the electronic media, need to self-introspect and take corrective measures, he said.

"If we look at the whole picture, two-three things are happening concurrently. At first, exit poll results are shown without declaring the sample size, the places where the survey was conducted, and how the results were arrived at. If the figures do not match with the actual results, what is the pollster's responsibility... There is an urgent need to look at these aspects stringently," he said.

"There are self-regulatory bodies, like the News Broadcasters & Digital Association, which govern this. I am sure the time has come that these bodies and associations will do some self-regulation, because it is linked to another important issue," he said.

Vote counting is usually done three days after the polling day. "So on polling day, 6 p.m. onward, an expectation is built up via exit poll figures of what will be the actual outcome... No scientific basis is given in public disclosures. And then, on the counting day, leads are flashed as early as 8:05 a.m. or 8:10 a.m., which is a nonsense," Mr. Kumar said.

He pointed out that, in reality, vote counting itself only begins at 8:30 a.m. "This time, we have proof that leads were being shown 8:05 a.m. onwards. Does it happen because the exit poll results have to be justified through early trends? The fact is that one round of counting takes about 20 minutes and, after following the set procedures, the figures are put up on the EC website around 9:30 a.m. onwards," he said.

"The gap between expectation and achievement is nothing but frustration. On this issue, our hands are tied. However, a brainstorming by the stakeholders is urgently required and I am sure self-correction will be done," he said.

Canada alleges extortion, violent acts and homicide by New Delhi

The Indian govt. had made 'a fundamental error' by thinking it could engage in 'murders or extortion or other violent acts' against Canadians on Canadian soil, says Trudeau; Canada to 'continue to ask' for India's cooperation, says Foreign Minister

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

Prior to the expulsion of six Indian diplomats from Canada, the Canadian authorities had confronted these officials with information about their alleged role in violent acts in Canada, including extortion and homicide, with the aim of disrupting ongoing violence against Canadian citizens, according to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The relations between India and Canada have been unravelling since Mr. Trudeau told the Canadian parliament in September 2023 that Indian agents were behind the slaying of a Canadian citizen and pro-Khalistan figure Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June 2023.

Speaking at a press conference in Ottawa on Monday, Mr. Trudeau and his colleagues, Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly and Public Safety Minister Dominic Leblanc, emphasised that the nature of the alleged violence caused by agents of the Indian government was "ongoing" and that the reason the Canadian authorities precipitated a diplomatic situation was to disrupt the pattern after failing to obtain the cooperation of the Indian government.

Resolute stance: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with Ministers during a press meet in Ottawa on Monday. AP

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had approached the Indian authorities as recently as last week, as per Mr. Trudeau, but the Indian side had "rejected those advances", necessitating Monday's actions. Ms. Joly claimed that sitting Indian diplomats were involved in acts of violence and the level of violence had increased since last year, when Mr. Trudeau first made the allegations.

The Government of India had made "a fundamental error" by thinking it could engage in "murders or extortion or other violent acts" against Canadians on Canadian soil, Mr. Trudeau said.

He said India's response had been to "deny, to obfuscate, to attack me [Mr. Trudeau] personally, and the integrity of the Government of Canada and its officials and its police agencies", ever since he made his allegations about Indian involvement in the killing of Nijjar.

Mr. Trudeau told pressperson that he had emphasised to Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week in Laos, when the two men interacted on the fringes of the ASEAN Summit, how "incredibly important" the meeting between the countries' national security advisers [Ajit Doval and Canadian NSA Nathalie Drouin] in Singapore [reportedly held on October 12] was.

"Canada fully respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. We expect the Indian government to do the same for Canada," he said. New Delhi, however, does not share that view. The government has repeatedly said that domestic political compulsions and "vote bank" politics in Canada have led to a very "permissive" environment in the country for India-related secessionist activity.

When asked about the number of homicides that were allegedly being orchestrated by Indian agents, the Security Minister, Mr. LeBlanc, demurred, not wanting to get ahead of the RCMP investigations.

The Foreign Minister said she had been in touch with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Monday and that Canada would "continue to ask" for India's cooperation. She also confirmed she had spoken with her 'Five Eyes' counterparts.

India rejects 'absurd' accusations by Canada

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Canada's claims linking Indian diplomats to transnational crime gangs are "simply not true", India said on Tuesday.

Noting that the Canadian government had engaged with Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma during its investigation into the 2023 murder of pro-Khalistan preacher Harjeet Singh Nijjar, sources termed Ottawa's accusations against Mr. Verma "absurd".

"At the [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] RCMP briefing, assertions were made about connections of certain individuals to India. In no case were any specifics provided. There was also talk about holding people accountable. But it was never made clear who and for what," said a source familiar with the ongoing exchanges between India and Canada. At a Monday briefing, top Royal Canadian Mounted Police officials suggested that Indian diplomats were in contact with at least one transnational crime gang – the Bishnois – who carried out violent actions against South Asian targets in Canada. Such assertions from the Canadian leadership were not helpful in dealing with the unprecedented diplomatic crisis, the source added.

The source denied claims that India has been provided with "credible evidence" proving a connection between Indian diplomats and Nijjar's murder.

"From the very beginning, the Canadian approach has been to make vague accusations and put the burden of denial on India," the source said.

Amid the diplomatic upheaval, Canada's International Trade Minister Mary Ng said the government would "work closely with all Canadian enterprises engaged with India to ensure these important economic connections remain strong".

The Minister said Canada "would not tolerate any foreign government threatening, extorting, or harming Canadian citizens on our soil."

India and Canada both are ruling out any significant downturn in investment and trade relations.

SC questions Bengal govt. on hiring civic volunteers

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the West Bengal government to come clean on the "source of authority" by which civic volunteers such as the R.G. Kar rape and murder case accused, Sanjay Roy, was employed, especially in sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals.

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a three-judge Bench, said employing political acolytes and sympathisers as "civic volunteers" could be a "nice process of conferring political patronage on people who are totally unverified".

The top court directed the West Bengal government to file a detailed affidavit on the "source of authority" for recruitment of civic volunteers in the State and the qualification required for recruitment.

U.S. says India is not cooperating with Canada investigation

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

The Biden administration has said that India is not cooperating with the Canadian authorities who are investigating linkages between Indian government agents and violent incidents across Canada, especially with regard to pro-Khalistan figures.

"When it comes to the Canadian matter, we have made it clear that the allegations are extremely serious and they need to be taken seriously," State Department spokesperson Matt Miller said during Tuesday's briefing in Washington.

"And we wanted to see the Government of India cooperate with Canada in its investigation. Obviously they have not chosen that path," he added.

The Canadian authorities on Monday had alleged that Indian government agents were linked to a number of unlawful activities in Canada, including homicides and extortion.

On Tuesday, an investigative committee from India, probing an assassination plot to kill Khalistani separatist and Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun was in Washington. Mr. Miller said the timing of the meeting was coincidental and not related to the Canadian investigation. The U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) had charged Indian citizens with directing a plot to kill Pannun, who is a designated terrorist in India. Pannun is a U.S. citizen.

"They [the Indian government] have told us that they are taking the allegations seriously," Mr. Miller said, adding that the Indian government had said "the activities in the DoJ indictment do not represent government policy".

'Shah, senior RAW official authorised covert operations'

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

Canadian officials had shared information with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, suggesting that Union Home Minister Amit Shah and a senior RAW official had authorised attacks and intelligence-gathering on pro-Khalistani figures in Canada, according to the *Washington Post*.

Conversations of Indian diplomats, intercepted by Canadian authorities, included references to "a senior official in India and a senior official in RAW", according to the *Post's* report, which said Canadian authorities had identified the "senior official" as Mr. Shah. The government did not respond to requests for comment about the allegations, the *Post* said.

On Monday, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) alleged that Indian government agents were involved in acts of violence across Canada. Speaking after the RCMP's briefing, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made a reference to a meeting between Mr. Doval and his Canadian counterpart in Singapore on October 12 to discuss these acts. The *Post's* report says Mr. Doval was shown this information by the Canadian authorities at the meeting.

"Canadian officials shared details about the references to Shah and other evidence with India's national security adviser, Ajit Doval, at a secret meeting in Singapore on Saturday. Canadians who took part in the meeting included Trudeau's national security adviser, Nathalie Drouin, and Deputy Foreign Minister David Morrison, as well as a top RCMP official," the report says as it goes on to describe Mr. Doval's actions and comments in the meeting.

Kuki-Zo-Hmar, Meitei, Naga MLAs met, resolved to call for peace: MHA

Vijaita Singh
Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday said that a group of legislators from Manipur, "representing the Kuki-Zo-Hmar, Meitei, and Naga communities" met in New Delhi and "unanimously resolved" to appeal to the people of all communities in the State to "shun the path of violence so that no more precious lives of innocent citizens are lost".

However, shortly after the meeting, Kuki-Zo MLAs issued a statement clarifying that they had met only with Central government officials and BJP leaders in a separate room, and did not attend any meeting where Meitei MLAs were present along with their Naga counterparts.

A source aware of the deliberations on Tuesday told *The Hindu* that MHA officials and BJP leaders met with four Kuki-Zo MLAs in a closed room for two hours. They added that the officials then met with Naga and Meitei MLAs for about 15 minutes each. "Nothing substantial was discussed. It was made clear that until there can be an assurance to stop violence, no further step can be taken," the source said.

Police deployed outside the venue where the MHA held a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

MLAs from all three communities had been invited to the talks on Tuesday in what was intended as a first-of-its-kind attempt to get elected representatives of the conflicting communities in the same room.

The talks with the Manipur legislators were led by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP and the party's northeast coordinator Sambit Patra, although it was arranged by the MHA. Adviser (northeast) A.K. Mishra and Joint Director Rajesh Kamble attended the meeting on behalf of the Central government.

Rajya Sabha MP Ajit Gopchade was also present at the meetings. Mr. Gopchade has been a long-time Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) worker and is also known for being among the *karsevaks* who took part in the Babri Masjid demolition. He was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the BJP in April 2024 and became the party's Manipur in-charge in July 2024.

The Kuki-Zo MLAs asserted that no talks could take place without the Union government first addressing their demand for a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory with a Legislature. The legislators, in their statement, said they expressed "reluctance to participate in any joint meetings with the Meitei and Naga MLAs", emphasising that "any such meetings should only occur after thorough deliberation with the public".

India, U.S. conclude $3.5-billion deal for procurement of 31 MQ-9B armed UAVs

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

India and the U.S. on Tuesday concluded a $3.5-billion deal for the procurement of 31 MQ-9B armed high-altitude long endurance (HALE) remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) manufactured by General Atomics through an inter-governmental agreement, via the Foreign Military Sales programme of the U.S.

One contract was signed with the U.S. government for Tri-Service procurement of 31 MQ-9B Sky/Sea Guardian HALE systems, the Defence Ministry said. "Another contract has been signed with General Atomics Global India Pvt Ltd for performance based-logistics for these RPAS through Depot Level Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul in India," the Ministry said on X. The contracts were inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane.

The deal also includes 170 AGM-114R Hellfire missiles; 16 M36E9 Hellfire captive air training missiles; 310 GBU-39B/B laser Small Diameter Bombs (SDB); and 08 GBU-39B/B LSDB guided test vehicles with live fuses among others.

Force multiplier

The deal for 31 MQ-9B UAVs, 15 Sea Guardians for the Indian Navy and 16 Sky Guardians– eight each for the Indian Army and Air Force– was formally approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security last week along with another major deal for the indigenous construction of two Nuclear Attack Submarines (SSN).

These advanced UAVs, once inducted, will significantly augment India's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities. For the Navy, it is a great force multiplier in keeping an eye over large swathes of the Indian Ocean Region and will reduce the wear and tear on its P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft.

Another man held for NCP leader's murder

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Mumbai police on Tuesday announced the arrest of a fourth suspect in the murder of Nationalist Congress Party leader and former Maharashtra Minister Baba Siddique. The accused, identified as Harishkumar, was apprehended in a joint police operation with the U.P. Police.

APPEAL

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Cong. appoints senior leaders to oversee Assembly polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

On a day the Election Commission announced the schedule for the Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly elections, the Congress appointed party veterans as senior observers to oversee the polls.

Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy, Sachin Pilot, are among several senior Congress leaders appointed as division-wise All India Congress Committee (AICC) observers on Tuesday for the Maharashtra election. For Jharkhand, senior leaders Tariq Anwar, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu have been named senior observers.

After its shock defeat in the Haryana Assembly election, the appointments are supposed to convey the party's battle-readiness in both States. The Congress is part of the ruling alliance in Jharkhand with the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. In Maharashtra, it is a constituent of the Maha Vikas Aghadi along with the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) and the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray).

These appointments come a day after the Congress high command held an extensive meeting with Maharashtra leaders. The meeting, held at Mr. Kharge's residence, was attended by leaders such as Rahul Gandhi, State party chief Nana Patole, and Leader of the Opposition Vijay Wadettiwar.

Intense, multi-cornered polls on the cards in Maharashtra

This is the first time that two factions of each of the two largest regional parties in the State, the Shiv Sena and the NCP, will fight against each other in an Assembly election; at the last minute, govt. names seven of the 12 Governor-appointed MLCs

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Battle-ready: Mahayuti leaders Eknath Shinde and Devendra Fadnavis and, right, Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray and Prithviraj Chavan gear up for the Maharashtra Assembly election. EMMANUAL YOGINI

With the Election Commission announcing the Assembly election in Maharashtra in a single phase on November 20, political parties have begun gearing up for an election which will be unprecedented in many ways.

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Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena has decided to go it alone, and some regional players are also looking to put together a third front.

Both the alliances – the ruling Mahayuti and the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi – have not declared any Chief Ministerial face for the election.

While the government is banking on the popularity of the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana, the Opposition is wary of its impact. Be it the OBC, Maratha or the Dhangar-Adivasi face-off, or the impact of Maratha leader Manoj Jarange Patil in Marathwada, or the possibility of a third front, the upcoming election will be intense.

Agricultural distress, particularly of soya bean and cotton farmers, joblessness among youth, law and order, and women's safety will likely be the issues that will dominate the elections apart from caste-based reservation demands.

The State government has already taken several decisions to appease and reach out to smaller communities, in the hope of reaping poll benefits.

At the last minute, the government declared seven of the 12 Governor-appointed Legislative Council members.

"November 20 will decide the fate of Maharashtra. People have seen the impactful work of the Mahayuti government for the last two years. Maharashtra is number one on so many fronts now," Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said after the announcement of the polls. He also slammed the Opposition for its comments on voting machines.

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis spoke of what he called the "biggest festival of democracy". "Deepavali will be a festival of lights. And then we will celebrate the second Vikas Prakash Parva together on November 20! Under the leadership of BJP, we gave great success in 2014, 2019. Let's celebrate the victory of Mahayuti on November 23," he wrote on X.

The Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party State president Sunil Tatkare said seat-sharing talks will be wrapped up within two days and that the MahaYuti will speed up work for booth-level coordination.

The 288 seats in Maharashtra are divided into six regions - Marathwada (46), Vidarbha (62), Western Maharashtra (70), North Maharashtra (35), Konkan (39) and Mumbai (36). The seat-sharing talks among both the allies had been on hold for the last few days, and parties have been holding internal strategy and candidate selection meetings.

Saying that the time for "justice" has come, Shiv Sena UBT leader Aaditya Thackeray posted on X, "The moment that we all has been waiting for is here: 20th November is poll day. The change we want to bring, is to drive away the Shinde-bjp that has looted Maharashtra over the past 2 years. We waited for justice but now justice will be done by the electorate"

EC refuses NCP-SP call to freeze poll symbol

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday said it had agreed to a request by NCP (Sharad Pawar) for prominent display of its poll symbol – man blowing 'turha' – on ballot units of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), but turned down the demand to freeze the trumpet symbol.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar asserted that the trumpet symbol was different from the 'man blowing turha'.

Corruption and cash scheme to dominate Jharkhand poll battle

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with BJP chief J.P. Nadda in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

As Jharkhand prepares for polling, the ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, along with their respective allies, are trying to attract voters on issues that have been in the public domain for quite some time now. Issues that are expected to dominate in the election include alleged 'infiltration' by Bangladeshi nationals, corruption charges against the Hemant Soren government, and the face-off between the JMM and the BJP over a monthly cash transfer scheme.

Though voting patterns can differ in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the morale of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance in Jharkhand is high after it won five of the 14 seats in this year's Lok Sabha election, bettering the performance in 2019, when the JMM and the Congress were part of the United Progressive Alliance.

The five months that Chief Minister Hemant Soren spent in jail in an alleged money laundering case also does not appear to have helped the BJP, which lost all five Lok Sabha seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes, in a State dominated by tribal communities.

The most contentious issue the BJP has been raising for months is an alleged decline in the tribal population in Santhal Pargana due to "infiltration" by Bangladeshis and Rohingya.

In another setback for the Soren government, serving Congress Minister Alamgir Alam was arrested and sent to jail in an alleged 'commission scam' after the Enforcement Directorate recovered ₹35 crore from premises linked to officials of his department. Question paper leaks and the deaths of 15 aspirants during a recruitment drive for excise constables also provided the Opposition opportunities to corner the Soren government.

In recent times, both the JMM and the BJP have indulged in a tug of war over the State government's monthly cash transfer scheme. Mr. Soren launched the Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana under which eligible women between 18 to 50 years receive ₹1,000 per month. The BJP then announced it would launch a 'Gogo-Didi Yojana', providing eligible women ₹2,100 per month if voted to power. To counter this, the Jharkhand Cabinet on Tuesday hiked the amount to 2,500.

Jaishankar arrives in Islamabad, 'shakes hands' with Sharif

Suhasini Haidar
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Islamabad. ANI

Attending a dinner hosted by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif shortly after arriving in Islamabad on Tuesday, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar shook hands and exchanged greetings with Mr. Sharif.

On Wednesday, Mr. Jaishankar will address the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting here and is expected to repeat concerns raised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at past SCO summits over terrorism and extremism in the region, as well as connectivity and transit issues.

Neither side has expressed a desire to hold a bilateral interaction, although Mr. Jaishankar will be at the same venue as his counterpart Ishaq Dar and the CHG chaired by Mr. Sharif.

Asked by Indian media about the possibility of a meeting, Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch confirmed that no bilateral meetings had been planned between India and Pakistan.

The leaders, including seven Prime Ministers from Russia, China, Belarus, and Central Asian nations, Iran's Vice-President and Mr. Jaishankar, will gather for group photographs on Wednesday morning, followed by the plenary session of the 23rd SCO CHG. This would be followed by the signing of a number of documents and an official lunch at the Jinnah Convention Centre. Mr. Jaishankar is expected to leave later in the afternoon from Islamabad for Delhi.

This is the first such visit by an Indian Foreign Minister in nine years, and the first such interaction between the Indian and Pakistani leadership since the SCO Foreign Minister's meeting in May 2023, which ended in an acrimonious exchange of statements between Mr. Jaishankar and then-Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. While the handshake between Mr. Jaishankar and Mr. Sharif was a formality, it was in distinct contrast to the meeting of the SCO Foreign Ministers in Goa, where Mr. Jaishankar pointedly avoided shaking hands with Mr. Bhutto, greeting him with a 'namaste' instead.

On Tuesday, Mr. Bhutto, who is no longer in the Cabinet post-elections, although his party, the PPP, supports the government, said that he welcomed Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Pakistan.

"The SCO is going ahead successfully because it does not allow bilateral ties to overshadow its agenda, which was one of the reasons SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) failed," said Mr. Bhutto.

'Consensus across all establishments in Pakistan for healthy ties with India'

Senator seen as close to Islamabad's military establishment says Jaishankar's visit is an opportunity to explore sentiments on both sides

INTERVIEW

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

Suhasini Haidar
ISLAMABAD

There's consensus across all establishments for healthy ties with India, says Pakistan's former Prime Minister and Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar. Mr. Kakar, a representative from Balochistan, was the longest-serving caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan between August 2023 and March 2024. He oversaw the elections earlier this year, and is seen as close to the military establishment. Mr. Kakar says External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Pakistan will offer an opportunity to explore whether Delhi and Islamabad are ready for better ties.

How do you see the visit of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Pakistan, the first in nine years by an Indian Foreign Minister, and the fact that he has come for an SCO meeting?

I would link it with the former Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's presence for the SCO (Foreign Ministers) multilateral meeting in India [in May 2023]. I think that has been reciprocated. It's a multilateral event, and both sides understand that it is not a bilateral engagement, but at the same time, such moments, they sometimes create history. They sometimes give you an opportunity to connect to things which, in normal circumstances, probably the parties that have taken extreme positions wouldn't think of. We need to know what is going on in the mind of India intellectually?

What is going on in the mind of the Pakistani political establishment, the other players who are stakeholders in both countries? Let's give that a chance.

What, according to you, is on the mind of Pakistan's military establishment, especially given the LoC ceasefire since 2021?

I believe honestly, there's consensus on the Pakistani side: when it comes to India, everyone wants a good relationship, the military political establishment, even Pakistan's right, religious political entities, the Jamaat-e-Islami. All of them agree that we should have healthy, constructive balance, equal or equitable relations. Does it translate into [similar sentiments] in India?

Some would argue that the ball is actually in Pakistan's court – it was Pakistan that cancelled trade with India, and stopped road and rail links in 2019. Do you think there will be a rollback of those decisions now?

Pakistan's external security is paramount – and obviously there will be a response to any threat. We have spent some five decades on our security doctrine development, enhancing our conventional capability; it's a realistic expectation.

Do you think that some of the people-to-people transport links could be restored anytime soon?

Who would argue against the interaction between common people? I would love to see that happening, but to my mind when I see Indian diaspora and Pakistani diaspora interacting for the last seven decades in the West and the rest of the world, I wonder. Has it brought us any closer?

I think we should be more realistic that people-to-people ties may not actually help resolve issues by themselves when there are such entrenched positions on both sides, and the challenge is how to get over this.

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1	a) Anaesthesiology	4 (1 UR; 1 OBC; 2 SC)	2 SC	--	1 UR
	b) Anaesthesiology (Cardiac)	--	1 UR	--	--
2	Anatomy	1 OBC	--	--	--
3	a) Clinical Immunology (Clinical Services)	--	1 SC	--	--
	b) Clinical Immunology (Lab Services)	--	1 UR	--	--
4	Dentistry (Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics (or) Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge)	--	1 ST	--	--
5	Dermatology	1 SC	--	--	1 ST
6	Emergency Medical Services	1 UR	1 SC	--	--
7	Endocrinology	--	1 SC	--	--
8	ENT	1 UR	--	--	--
9	Forensic Medicine and Toxicology	--	1 UR*	--	--
10	Gastroenterology (Medical)	1 UR	1 UR	--	--
11	Gastroenterology (Surgical)	--	1 SC	--	--
12	Geriatric Medicine	--	2 (1 UR; 1 SC)	--	--
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	b) Epidemiology	--	1 OBC	--	--
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	d) Non-Communicable Disease	--	1 UR	--	--
14	a) Medicine	3 (2 OBC; 1 EWS)	1 UR	1 UR	4 (1 OBC; 1 SC; 1 ST; 1 UR)
	b) Medicine (Hematology)	--	1 OBC	--	--
15	Neonatology	--	1 SC	--	--
16	Nephrology	--	2 (1 ST; 1 EWS)	--	--
17	Nuclear Medicine	--	1 SC	--	--
18	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	2 (1 OBC; 1 ST)	2 ST	1 UR	2 (1 OBC; 1 SC)
19	Orthopaedics	3 (1 UR; 1 OBC; 1 SC)	1 UR	--	1 UR
20	Paediatrics	--	1 ST	--	1 OBC
21	Pathology	2 (1 UR; 1 SC)	--	--	--
22	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	--	1 UR	--	--
23	Physiology	1 SC	--	--	1 OBC
24	Preventive Oncology	--	1 UR	--	--
25	Preventive & Social Medicine (P&SM)	1 OBC	--	--	--
26	Psychiatry	--	--	--	1 UR
27	Pulmonary Medicine	--	1 UR	--	1 EWS
28	Radiation Oncology	1 OBC	--	--	--
29	a) Radio-Diagnosis	1 OBC	--	--	2 (1 UR; 1 ST)
	b) Radio-Diagnosis (Interventional)	--	1 UR	--	--
30	Surgery	2 (1 OBC; 1 SC)	--	--	2 (1 OBC; 1 SC)
31	Surgical Oncology	--	2 (1 OBC; 1 SC)	--	--
32	Urology	1 ST	2 (1 SC; 1 ST)	--	--
	Total	26	35	2	17

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DIRECTOR

INBRIEF

Stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui given police cover

Stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui has been provided with police security in view of inputs about likely threat perception, top police sources told *The Hindu* on Tuesday. The stand-up comedian has not yet approached the police with any complaint about alleged security risk. Police sources said the security cover was given by them on the basis of local intelligence inputs. The police refused to connect it with any gang activities though. Refuting reports about an alleged threat by a gang associated with jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, a Mumbai Police official said the nature of the threat cannot be revealed at this juncture.

Paramesh Sivamani takes over as Coast Guard chief

Paramesh Sivamani took over as the 26th Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard on Tuesday. He was elevated to the rank of Additional Director-General in September 2022, and was subsequently posted at the Coast Guard headquarters in Delhi. He was given the additional charge of Director-General in August 2024 after the untimely death of then Director-General Rakesh Pal due to heart attack in Chennai. Mr. Sivamani specialises in navigation and direction and his sea commands include all major vessels of the Coast Guard, which include advanced offshore patrol vessel *Samar* and offshore patrol vessel *Vishwast*, the Coast Guard said in a statement.

Contract for high-speed trains goes to BEML

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BEML Ltd., a public sector unit, has bagged a ₹866.87-crore contract to design, manufacture, and commission two high-speed train sets of eight coaches each.

"This project marks a significant milestone in India's high-speed rail journey and will see the first indigenously designed and manufactured train sets with a test speed of 280 kmph," BEML said in a regulatory filing.

The contract was awarded by the Integral Coach Factory.

The BEML said each coach would cost ₹27.86 crore. The total contract value includes the design cost, a one-time development cost, non-recurring charges, a one-time cost towards fixtures, tooling and testing facilities, which will be utilised for future high-speed projects in India.

The development comes close on the heels of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's visit to Japan to negotiate issues related to escalation of costs of the Shinkansen technology for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project.

The BEML will manufacture the train sets in Bengaluru. They are scheduled for delivery by 2026-end.

Opposition MPs write to Speaker on conduct of JPC Chairperson

Pal conducting proceedings on Waqf Bill in a 'biased' manner, they say in letter to Birla; they highlight 'violation of rules' in deposition by witness

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposition MPs after boycotting a meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Waqf Bill in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Opposition MPs on Tuesday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on the "gross violation of parliamentary code of conduct" by Chairperson Jagdambika Pal at the meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee examining the Waqf (Amendment) Bill.

The members said it would be very difficult to continue working in the JPC in the current "partisan and politically motivated environment".

The letter was signed by Congress MPs Gaurav Gogoi, Syed Naseer Hussain and Imran Masood, A. Raja and M.M. Abdulla of the the DMK, Asaduddin Owaisi of the the AIMIM, and Kalyan Banerjee of the Trinamool Congress.

The Opposition members had walked out in protest from Monday's meeting after Mr. Pal ignored their demand not to allow former Karnataka State Minorities Commission Chairman Anwar Manippady from deposing before the panel. Mr. Manippady named several Opposition leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and K. Rahman Khan, for alleged embezzlement of Waqf properties, citing a 2012 report.

"The proceedings of the Committee were conducted in a biased and partisan manner by the Chairperson Shri Jagdambika Pal," the Opposition members said in the letter. They said Mr. Manipaddy's presentation "contained no observations on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill. "Instead, it was full of politically motivated allegations against leaders of the Karnataka Congress, including Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha)," they said.

The members said allowing the witness to continue with his deposition was against the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. Under Rule 353, they said, "defamatory or incriminatory" allegations cannot be made against a person unless the members are given adequate advance notice. "Most importantly, members of the committee were deprived of their fundamental right to voice their concerns and thoughts in a space which is expected to operate with the highest alignment to democratic values," the members said.

Centre sets up three AI research hubs on health, agri and cities

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Budget had proposed the creation of AI-CoEs with financial outlay of ₹990 crore

The Centre on Tuesday announced setting up of three centres of excellence (CoE) in artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare, agriculture and sustainable cities. While the CoE in healthcare will be led by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi, the IIT in Ropar, Punjab will lead the one on agriculture. The IIT-Kanpur has been given the charge of developing a CoE in sustainable cities. The CoEs will function with industries and start-ups.

Announcing the decision, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the AI-CoEs were going to be solution providers and would create a new generation of employment providers and wealth creators. The Union Budget had proposed the setting up of AI-CoEs with a financial outlay of ₹990 crore over the period of 2023-24 to 2027-28. To oversee its implementation, an industry-heavy apex committee had also been constituted, co-chaired by Zoho founder-CEO Sridhar Vembu.

"With the unveiling of the centres, significant strides have been taken to strengthen Bharat's credentials in the global AI landscape," Mr. Pradhan said and hoped that the CoEs would be a key element of global public policy and also emerge as solution providers of the world. Complimenting the panel headed by Dr. Vembu for its efforts towards the implementation of these COEs in AI, he said these institutions would give further impetus to the start-up ecosystem in the country, and help create a new generation of job and wealth creators

Union Higher Education Secretary K. Sanjay Murthy said the CoEs would promote multidisciplinary research with the right kind of collaboration among like-minded resources and this could result in achieving optimum results.

Dr. Vembu said these projects would holistically benefit the health of villages, cities, and people. "The CoEs will bootstrap numerous efforts, create companies, nurture talent, and generate opportunities for our talent pool," he said.

Dhankhar warns about 'demographic disorder'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday said a "demographic disorder" was no less severe in consequences than a nuclear bomb. Addressing a conference in Jaipur, he said, "Demographic dislocation is turning certain regions into political fortresses, where elections have no real meaning."

He said culture, inclusivity, and unity in diversity were being compromised by demographic changes. He warned against "champions of grammar of anarchy", and said such people were sacrificing national interests for petty partisan interests. He said there was a need to neutralise misadventures aimed at changing the country's demographic landscape.

Bomb threat to Air India flight from Madurai keeps Singapore on edge

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Singapore scrambled two F-15 fighter jets after an Air India Express flight from Madurai to Singapore received a bomb threat. Another Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago was diverted to the Iqaluit airport in Canada on a day when there were at least six threats received by various Indian airlines.

Four of these threat calls that were issued for flights headed to domestic destinations were declared hoax by security agencies.

Tense situation

"Air India Express received an email that there was a bomb on board flight AXB684 that was bound for Singapore. Two of our RSAF F-15SGs scrambled and escorted the plane away from populated areas, to finally land safely at Singapore Changi Airport at around 10:04 pm tonight," Singapore's Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen posted on X.

Indian airlines received six threats in a day that all turned out to be hoax. FILE PHOTO

Singapore also activated its Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) systems and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). The plane was handed over to the Airport Police once it landed.

There were also threats received for Air India's Delhi-Chicago flight, Akasa's Bagdogra-Bengaluru flight, Air India Express's Jaipur-Ayodhya flight, IndiGo's Dammam-Lucknow flight and SpiceJet's Darbhanga-Mumbai flight.

"The aircraft and passengers are being re-screened as per the laid down security protocol. Air India has activated agencies at the airport to assist the passengers until their journey can resume," Air India said in a press statement about the diversion to Canada.

Threats were sent through X and e-mail, said a source from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The official added that in most cases there was no flight disruption caused due to the threats. "Aircraft were screened once they arrived at the destinations," the source said.

On Monday too, there were similar bomb threats issued to an Air India flight from Mumbai to New York and two other international flights of IndiGo originating from Mumbai. These too were declared to be hoax by the security agencies.

Air India, which has faced these threats on two consecutive days on its long-haul international flights, said in the statement that it will consider legal action against those responsible for the hoax threats to recover damages incurred by the airline.

Akasa Air said that the Bagdogra flight landed in Bengaluru at 1.40pm, and the aircraft was released for flight operations after security checks and screening. SpiceJet's aircraft was also cleared for flights by security teams, the airline said.

BJP president names returning officers for party's internal polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday took another step to conduct its internal polls to elect a new national president for the party, with the incumbent chief, J.P. Nadda, appointing MP K. Laxman as the national returning officer and Naresh Bansal and Sambit Patra, both MPs, and national vice-president Rekha Verma as the co-officers for the polls.

Mr. Nadda's tenure has ended, and he is continuing in the post till a new president is elected.

The first step in the election process was the launch of a membership drive.

All leaders, workers as well as lay members had to renew or gain fresh membership through various means, including making a missed call to a specified number or enrolling via various party leaders and workers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the drive on September 3 by being the first to renew his membership of the party by giving a missed call. The drive was conducted in two phases – from September 2 to 5 and October 1 to 15. After the membership drive is over, elections will be held at the block, district, and State levels, finally ending with the election of the national president by the end of the year.

The BJP has never had an actual challenger to an accepted candidate, who is determined through consultation within the party leadership and its ideological mothership, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Shah exhorts new IPS recruits to be 'ruthless'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah told Indian Police Service (IPS) probationers on Tuesday to work with a "ruthless approach" and eliminate anti-national activities.

Mr. Shah, during an interaction with probationers of the 2023 batch of the IPS, said that in 2047, the country would be free of terrorism and drugs, and have internal security, ensuring the protection of human rights of citizens.

"As the Home Minister of the country, I can definitely say that now no one has the courage to insult our borders and our Army. We have done a lot to provide tight security at our borders and the rest is being done," the Minister said.

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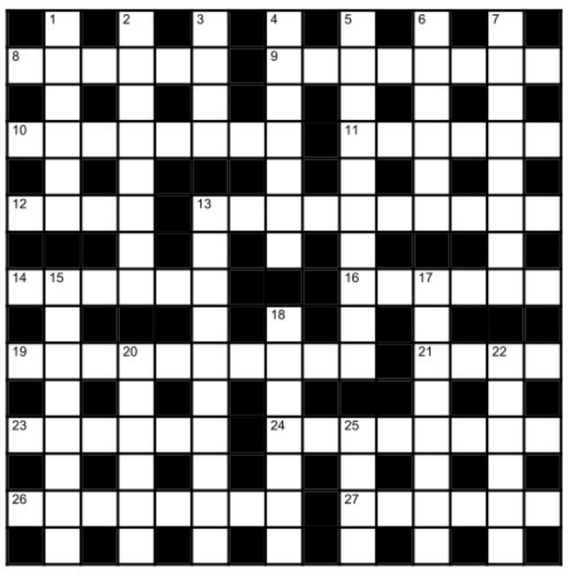

Across

8 Turning deaf with accountant coming in front (6)
9 Faded, reportedly stained blue (4,4)
10 Sit astride cycling seat taking short test (8)
11 New game in puzzle (6)
12 Yield doubled (close to double) last month (4)
13 Fail to qualify in time, such times lost (4,3,3)
14 Women stand for painter, a sly guy (6)
16 Easy spending as banks clear funds for business (6)
19 Area near Marina, Fort and new art complex (10)
21 Either end of crimped rope (4)
23 Busy hotel initially confusing name over bags (6)
24 Collapse in heavy shower (8)
26 God endlessly stretched the whole time (3,5)
27 Storm in front keeping Russia back (6)

Down

1 Status of chap let off (6)
2 Comrades hosting state conferences (8)
3 Submit name to be admitted into foundation (4)
4 Unsuitable depth beyond a metre (7)
5 Grudge of soldiers feeling disheartened (10)
6 Lawyer rising to fault counsel (6)
7 Kiwis going topless must fancy a thong? (8)
13 Manly pose cracks for criminal (10)
15 Bachelor departing after appointed time in high spirits (8)
17 Confirm base under opening in umbrella is hook-shaped (8)
18 Appropriate ethic on dignified housing section (7)
20 Decoy maiden leaving people turning to split (6)
22 Queen lures excited monarchs (6)
25 Drift behind following wife (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Poet turns the saviour

The Malayamans, who were rulers of the region around Thirukkovilur, were brave warriors and were known for their generosity, said R. Narayanan in a discourse.

In the Sangam work Purananuru, poet Kapilar describes the munificence of Thirumudikkari, a Malayaman king. Kapilar says that when the three great emperors of Tamil Nadu, namely the Cheras, Cholas and Pandyas, needed Thirumudikkari's help, they sent him gifts, which were given by Thirumudikkari to those who came to him for monetary assistance.

Kapilar says that it is easy for a king to give away chariots when he is drunk. But Malayaman did this when he was sober. The chariots he gave to others were as numerous as raindrops. Kapilar advises Thirumudikkari to check whether the recipients of his gifts deserve them.

The king of Chola Nadu, at the time when Thirumudikkari was ruling over Thirukkovilur, was Killi Valavan. Killi Valavan waged war against Thirumudikkari and killed him. Thirumudikkari's sons were abducted by the Chola king.

The king decided to kill the children by trampling them to death under the feet of an elephant. He brought the children to a field and was about to unleash the elephant against them, when poet Kovur Kizhar arrived. He spoke to the king about the glories of his ancestors, of king Shibi who had been ready to give a pound of his flesh to save a pigeon. Was Killi Valavan going to besmirch the name of his great clan by killing the children? Killi Valavan relented and the children were saved due to the intervention of a poet.

INBRIEF

Central Bank of India gets nod to buy stakes in Future Generali

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of 24.91% shareholding in Future Generali India Insurance and 25.18% shareholding in Future Generali India Life Insurance by the Central Bank of India, the scheduled commercial bank said in a statement. The proposed combination envisages acquisition through a bid or resolution plan submitted by Central Bank of India under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) process.

HDFC AMC net profit rises 32% to ₹577 crore in Q2 FY25

HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) reported net profit rose 32% to ₹577 crore in Q2 of FY25 from ₹437 crore in the year-earlier period on higher revenue, the company said in a filing. Despite posting growth in net profit, withdrawal of indexation benefits and reduced long-term capital tax regime led to a charge of ₹69.75 crore as deferred tax liability on the profit after tax in the quarter ended September 30, 2024, HDFC AMC said in its financial statements.

Rallis India Q2 net profit jumps 20% to ₹98 crore

Rallis India Ltd., a Tata Group company, reported second quarter net profit rose 19.51% to ₹98 crore from ₹82 crore in the year-earlier period. Sales revenue for the quarter ended September 30, grew 11.53% to ₹928 crore compared with ₹832 crore in the same period last year. "We had a strong Q2 FY25 performance helped by double-digit growth in the domestic market both in the crop care and seeds business," said MD & CEO Gyanendra Shukla.

UAE to review India's concerns over silver import surge: Centre

India-UAE CEPA, that took effect in 2022, permits unlimited imports of gold, silver, platinum and diamonds from UAE into India

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India has raised concerns over a jump in imports of silver products, platinum alloy and dry dates from the UAE and urged the country to ensure that the rules are not circumvented under the free trade agreement (FTA), according to an official statement on Tuesday.

The UAE has agreed to examine the concerns raised by India, the Commerce Ministry said.

Following a significant rise in imports, India sought review of certain provisions of the FTA with the UAE that came into force on May 1, 2022.

The Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce Ajay Bhadoo. Assistant Undersecretary for International Trade Affairs, Ministry of Economy of the UAE, Juma Al Kait co-chaired the meeting.

Worrisome shipments: India's gold and silver imports from the UAE skyrocketed 210% to $10.7 billion in 2023-24. REUTERS

Rules of origin

"Indian side raised the issue related to the recent surge in imports of silver products, platinum alloy and dry dates and urged the UAE to verify compliance with the rule-of-origin norms and ensure the rules are not circumvented," the Ministry said.

The UAE is the third-largest trading partner of India with $83.65 billion in bilateral trade in 2023-24.

Import surge

Seeking an urgent review of the pact, think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said the India-UAE CEPA allows unlimited imports of gold, silver, platinum and diamonds from the UAE into India. The GTRI claimed many imports did not meet rules of origin norms and hence, did not qualify for concessions.

India's gold and silver imports from UAE skyrocketed 210% to $10.7 billion in 2023-24.

India allows 7% tariffs, or customs duty concessions, on import of unlimited quantities of silver and a 1% concession on 160 metric tonne of gold.

The Indian side also urged the Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre in Dubai be categorised a Designated Zone so that the benefit of concessional duties can be availed by domestic jewellery manufacturers, including non-registered entities, under the UAE's domestic regulation.

"[The] UAE side conveyed its willingness to examine this request after consulting its internal stakeholders, including federal tax authorities," it said.

Further, the Indian side highlighted the need for professional bodies from both sides to enter into mutual recognition agreements to enable professionals such as chartered accountants, lawyers, nurses to provide services without the need for another certification.

Both sides agreed to work on an actionable plan in this regard.

SpaceX, Jio spar yet again over satellite spectrum allocation

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The spectrum cost will be decided by TRAI, said Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya Sinha

The issue of satellite spectrum allocation resurfaced over Monday and Tuesday, as reports emerged that Reliance Jio had written to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), urging that airwaves for satellite Internet services such as SpaceX's Starlink should be allocated through auctions.

International telecom and satellite firms have urged the Union government to not follow the auction route, pointing out that unlike cellular spectrum, satellite spectrum for Internet is typically shared among multiple operators, and is not scarce.

Reacting to reports on Jio's letter to TRAI, SpaceX founder Elon Musk said that auctions for satellite spectrum would be 'unprecedented'.

On Tuesday, Sunil Mittal, the chairman of Bharti Enterprises Ltd., said that satellite firms seeking to serve "elite retail customers" in urban areas would have to "buy" spectrum.

However, the company issued a statement hours after his remarks, clarifying that Airtel "did not support the auction of satellite spectrum."

In past regulatory filings, Reliance Jio and SpaceX representatives have differed on this issue. Jio has argued that there is no legal basis for administratively allocating spectrum, an argument that largely relies on the Supreme Court's 2012 judgment in the 2G spectrum case.

Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia said in response to a query on Jio's auction demand that the Telecommunications Act, 2023 already ensured that satellite spectrum allotment could only be done through the administrative mode. "That does not mean that spectrum does not come without a cost," Mr. Scindia said. "That cost will be decided by TRAI. They have already circulated a paper, and they are empowered by the Constitution to decide the administrative pricing [for telecom authorisations]."

The Minister was speaking on the sidelines of the World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly.

Mr. Scindia's remarks indicated that the government was not considering auctions any more. "India is not doing anything different from the rest of the world," Mr. Scindia said. "Conversely, if you do decide to auction it, then you'll be doing something that's different from the rest of the world. For those of us that understand a bit of engineering ... satellite spectrum, because it is a high level of spectrum, beyond 7-8GHz [it] is shared. If it is shared, then how can you price it individually?," he asked.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,820	-0.19
US Dollar	84.04	0.01
Gold	78,650	-0.06
Brent oil	73.62	-4.85

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3104.70	3.60
Adani Ports	1420.30	10.00
Apollo Hosp	7140.15	47.55
Asian Paints	3067.10	27.95
Axis Bank	1153.85	-10.50
Bajaj Auto	11521.50	-377.80
Bajaj Finserv	1853.95	-13.25
Bajaj Finance	7016.90	-191.90
Bharat Elec	288.85	3.15
Bharti Airtel	1717.25	21.65
BPCL	348.75	8.00
Britannia Ind	6068.70	90.65
Cipla	1571.75	-26.70
Coal India	494.45	-3.85
Dr Reddys Lab	6611.65	-48.25
Eicher Motors	4722.10	-57.70
Grasim Ind	2735.80	8.90
HCL Tech	1870.10	14.20
HDFC Bank	1684.10	-4.00
HDFC Life	714.25	-26.35
Hero MotoCorp	5505.65	-49.70
Hindalco	726.95	-16.05
Hind Unilever	2781.45	-7.65
ICICI Bank	1255.50	23.75
IndusInd Bank	1360.90	-9.55
Infosys	1959.30	0.40
ITC	498.55	1.60
JSW Steel	1000.85	-11.65
Kotak Bank	1895.20	-15.60
L&T	3551.90	-3.15
M&M	3155.80	0.90
Maurti Suzuki	12446.75	-91.10
NestleIndia	2484.25	-17.80
NTPC	426.60	2.10
ONGC	283.70	-2.80
PowerGrid Corp	329.85	-0.85
Reliance Ind	2688.05	-57.00
SBI Life	1723.75	-14.55
State Bank	804.65	-0.50
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3401.15	5.85
Sun Pharma	1898.45	-11.30
TataConsumerProduct	1115.25	1.70
Tata Motors	917.30	-10.95
Tata Steel	155.63	-2.69
TCS	4116.80	-19.85
Tech Mahindra	1675.35	-17.15
Titan	3508.50	10.70
Trent Ltd.	8124.25	-67.60
UltraTech Cement	11416.90	116.60
Wipro	532.95	-16.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 15

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.84	84.16
Euro	91.43	91.78
British Pound	109.70	110.12
Japanese Yen (100)	56.20	56.42
Chinese Yuan	11.78	11.83
Swiss Franc	97.30	97.67
Singapore Dollar	64.06	64.31
Canadian Dollar	60.71	60.94
Malaysian Ringitt	19.44	19.52

Source:Indian Bank

DGCA drops SpiceJet from 'enhanced surveillance regime'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Tuesday said that it had removed SpiceJet from enhanced surveillance, but would continue to carry out spot checks on the airline to ensure flight safety.

SpiceJet was placed on heightened surveillance on September 13 following sporadic disruption in flight services due to non-payment of dues to service partners, even as the regulator expressed concern over the airline's financial difficulties impacting maintenance at the airline.

The regulator said that a total of 266 spot checks were carried out on SpiceJet by the DGCA across various locations following which the airline took rectification action. "In light of the same and the financial infusion of additional funds into the company, Spicejet has been taken off the enhanced surveillance regime," the DGCA said in a statement.

The airline had recently raised ₹3,000 crore through a QIP.

Hyundai Motor India's ₹27,870-cr. IPO sees 18% subscription on Day 1

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The portion for retail individual investors subscribed 26%, and non-institutional investors fetched 13%

The initial public offering of Hyundai Motor India Ltd., the Indian arm of South Korean automaker Hyundai, received an 18% subscription on the first day of bidding on Tuesday.

The ₹27,870-crore initial share sale received bids for 1,77,89,457 shares against 9,97,69,810 shares on offer, as per NSE data.

The portion for retail individual investors (RIIs) subscribed 26%, while the non-institutional investors category fetched 13% subscriptions. The quota for qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) garnered a 5% subscription.

Hyundai Motor India on Monday raised ₹8,315 crore from anchor investors.

This is the largest IPO in the country, surpassing LIC's initial share sale of ₹21,000 crore.

The IPO, with a price band of ₹1,865-1,960 per share, will remain open for public subscription from October 15 to October 17.

The IPO is entirely an offer for sale (OFS) of 14,21,94,700 equity shares by promoter Hyundai Motor Company, with no fresh issue component.

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No. HFW/SAST/ADM/50/2024-25 P-1 Date: 14-10-2024

WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS POSTS

Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, under the aegis of Department of Health & Family Welfare is implementing Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka scheme and other Health Schemes. For the successful implementation of the schemes, **the Trust invites suitable candidates for Walk-in-Interview for the various posts on 23.10.2024 & 24.10.2024.** The job entails work from office and field work. The Contract period will be for 1 year, extendable for 2 years based on every year performance appraisal. The details of venue date and time for Walk-in-Interview is as follows:

Post-wise Interview Schedule:	Senior Executive Doctors, Doctors - In Office Quality Cell, Regional Consultants, Legal Consultant, Medical Advisor and Consultant - TKR & THR on **23.10.2024**.
	Assistant Regional Consultants & District Coordinators on **24.10.2024**.
Time:	Registration : **10.00 AM to 12.00 PM.** Interview : **12.00 PM to 4.00 PM.** Computer Test : **4.00 PM to 5.00 PM.**
Venue:	Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Meeting Hall, 7th Floor, Arogya Soudha, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560023

For details of qualification required, application format and other details log on to website: **http://arogya.karnataka.gov.in/sast/**

Sd/- Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/BCPL/2560/2024-25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – 12/2024-25
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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Indent No General	**: 9381, 9799**
SC Category	**: 9340, 9338, 9339**
ST Category	**: 9337, 9379**

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No. BMC/2023-24/IND0011 Date: 15.10.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Procurement of 42 Mobile Phones to Bhoomi Monitoring Cell Office. The Last Date for uploading filled tender form through KPP Portal is **29.10.2024 by 5.30 P.M.** Details regarding terms and conditions are available at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner,
Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department

DIPR/CP/2521/SPAN/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Office of The Executive Engineer, R.D.W. & S. Division, Haveri

Sl.No.: RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:06/2024-25/1830 Date : 14-10-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Last Date for Tender queries/Clarifications : **21-10-2024 at 11:00 hours**
2) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **25-10-2024 at 17:00 hours**
3) Date of Technical Bid Opening (if possible) : **28-10-2024 @ 10:00 hours**
4) Date of Financial Bid Opening (if possible) : **29-10-2024 @ 10:00 hours**

Inviting tenders of MVS O&M works of Haveri & Hangal Taluks under JJM Scheme.

Indent No.: 1) RWSSD/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT8542/CALL-2
2) RWSSD/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT8424/CALL-2
3) RWSSD/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT8414
4) RWSSD/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT8423/CALL-2 (ST Contractor)

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from the date of hosting the tender.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
DIPR/HVR/DIPO/346/2024-25 R.D.W&S Division, Haveri

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/T&P/SEC/AEEC/IBP1/2024-25/4606-15 Date: 15.10.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following services:

Name of the Work

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Bank of Maharashtra Q2 net up 44% to ₹1,327 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Bank of Maharashtra's second-quarter net profit grew 44.25% year-on-year to ₹1,327 crore.

Operating profit climbed 14.66% to ₹2,202 crore, the public sector lender said in a filing.

Net interest income increased by 15.41% to ₹2,807 crore while net interest margin improved to 3.98%.

Gross NPAs slid to 1.84% and net NPAs to 0.20% while provision coverage ratio stood at 98.31%.

The lender's total business increased by 16.90% to ₹4,93,793 crore.

HDFC Life net rises 15% in Q2 to ₹433 cr.

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Vibha Padalkar

HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd. standalone net profit increased 15% year-on-year to ₹433 crore in the second quarter of FY25, according to a filing. Standalone net premium income rose 12.3% to ₹16,570 crore.

Net profit rose 15% to ₹910.6 crore in the half year ended September. Total Assets Under Management (AUM) climbed 23% to ₹3.25 lakh crore, according to the investor presentation. HDFC Life increased its overall market share to 11% in the six-months ended September.

"The private sector and overall industry continued its strong momentum in Q2, growing in H1FY25 by 24% and 21% respectively on an individual weighted received-premium basis," said MD Vibha Padalkar.

"We registered an increase of 22% in the number of policies, which was significantly ahead of the private sector growth of 13%," she added.

TVS Credit Services Q2 climbs 20% to ₹161 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Credit Services Ltd. standalone net profit for the September quarter rose 20% y-o-y to ₹161 crore on robust growth and financial stability.

Assets under management (AUM) increased by 13% to ₹26,652 crore while total income grew by 17% to ₹1,639 crore. The firm added more than 20 lakh new customers in H1.

TVS Credit continued to maintain strong growth momentum in disbursements during H1 primarily on an increase in distribution reach, the firm said.

JERUSALEM

Gunman kills Israeli police official, injures five others in 'terror' attack

AFP

An assailant shot dead an Israeli policeman and wounded five other people near the southern city of Ashdod on Tuesday in what police called a "terrorist" attack. The gunman was killed during the attack. The shooting comes just days after one person was killed and five wounded during a stabbing attack in the town of Hadera. AFP

JERUSALEM

Not up for a 'unilateral ceasefire' in Lebanon, Netanyahu tells Macron

REUTERS

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was opposed to a "unilateral ceasefire" in Lebanon during a call with French President Emmanuel Macron. Mr. Macron upped pressure on Israel to abide by UN decisions, telling his Cabinet: "Mr. Netanyahu must not forget that country was created by a decision of the UN". AFP

KABUL

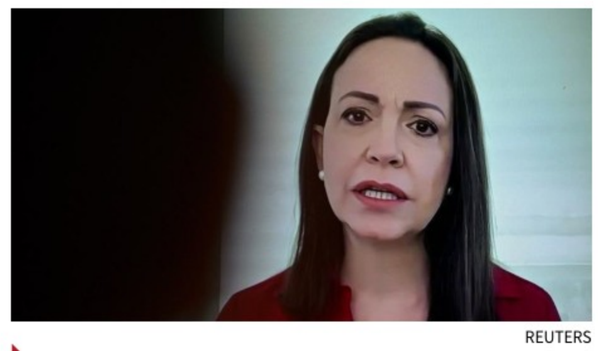
TV channels in Afghan province stop showing living things

AP

Two TV channels in a northern Afghan province stopped showing images of living beings during broadcasts, in line with orders from morality police. The Taliban said on Monday it had started gradually implementing a law banning news media from using photos and videos of things with souls — meaning people and animals. AFP

CARACAS

Maduro claims opposition leader Corina Machado fled Venezuela



REUTERS

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro claimed that opposition leader Maria Corina Machado has fled the country, making light of her alleged departure after presidential elections she denounced as fraudulent. Machado has been in hiding in Venezuela since August, following a July election that Maduro claims to have won. AFP

EU sanctions Tehran over missile supply to Russia

Agence France-Presse
LUXEMBOURG

The European Union imposed sanctions on Monday against Iranian officials and entities, including airlines, accused of taking part in the transfer of missiles and drones for Russia to use against Ukraine.

EU foreign ministers approved the sanctions on seven entities, including Iran Air, and seven individuals, including deputy Defence Minister Seyed Hamzeh Ghalandari and senior officials of the Revolutionary Guards' Quds Force.

Leading European powers Britain, France and Germany had adopted similar sanctions last month over Iranian missile transfers to Russia, as did the U.S.

At least 50 killed in Israeli strikes on Gaza; tanks push deeper into north

Doctor killed as he tried to help the people wounded by Israeli strikes in Jabalia; several medics wounded as their ambulance comes under Israeli fire; UN accuses Israeli military of attempting to cut off North Gaza from rest of the strip

Reuters
CAIRO

Israeli military strikes killed at least 50 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip as Israeli forces tightened their squeeze around Jabalia in the north of the enclave on Tuesday amid fierce battles with Hamas-led fighters.

Palestinian health officials said at least 17 persons were killed by Israeli fire near Al-Falouja in Jabalia, the largest of Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, while 10 others were killed in Bani Suhaila in eastern Khan Younis in the south when an Israeli missile struck a house.

Later on Tuesday, the Gaza Health Ministry said one doctor was killed when he tried to help the people wounded by Israeli strikes in Al-Falouja in Jabalia. It added that several medics were wounded when their ambulance came under Israeli fire in the northern and southern Gaza Strip.

Helping hands: People rescue a man from the rubble of a collapsed building following Israeli bombardment in Jabalia on Tuesday. AFP

Jabalia has been the focus of an Israeli offensive for more than 10 days, with troops returning to areas of the north that came under heavy bombardment in the early months of the year-long war.

The operation has raised concerns among Palestinians and UN agencies that Israel wants to clear residents from the north of the crowded enclave, a charge it has denied.

The UN human rights office said on Tuesday that the Israeli military appeared to be "cutting off North Gaza completely from the rest of the Gaza Strip."

The Israeli military has now encircled the Jabalia camp and sent tanks into nearby Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun towns, with the declared aim of stamping out Hamas fighters who are trying to regroup there.

The Israeli military has told residents to leave their homes and head to safety in southern Gaza. Palestinian and UN officials say there was no place safe in Gaza.

Evacuation order

Gaza's Health Ministry said the Army ordered the three hospitals operating there to evacuate but staffers were determined to continue their services even though they are overwhelmed by the growing number of casualties.

'Israel must improve flow of aid into Gaza or risk U.S. assistance'

Deadly strategy: Israel has been accused of scuttling the entry of food and other aid into the Gaza Strip. REUTERS

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The U.S. warned Israel on the possibility of withholding some assistance barring improvements in aid delivery to Palestinians in Gaza, the State Department said on Tuesday.

In a letter sent on Sunday, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin made "clear to the government of Israel that there are changes that they need to make again to see that the level of assistance making it into Gaza comes back up from the very, very low levels that it is at today," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller told reporters.

U.S. law

The letter pointed to U.S. law that requires that "recipients of U.S. military assistance do not arbitrarily deny or impede the provisioning of US humanitarian assistance."

"Our hope is that Israel will make changes that we have outlined and that we have recommended, and as a result of those changes will be a dramatic increase in humanitarian assistance."

N. Korea blows up parts of inter-Korean road and rail links

Associated Press
SEOUL

In a symbolic display of anger, North Korea on Tuesday blew up the northern sections of unused road and rail routes that once linked it with South Korea, with the rivals exchanging threats days after the North claimed that the South flew drones over its capital Pyongyang.

The choreographed demolition underlines North Korea's growing anger against South Korea's conservative government. North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has vowed to sever relations with South Korea and abandon the goal of achieving peaceful Korean unification.

In response, South Korea fires warning shots within southern sections of the border

In response to the explosions, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said its military fired warning shots within southern sections of the border as it bolstered its readiness and surveillance posture.

South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles affairs with North Korea, condemned the North's detonations as a "highly abnormal" and "regressive" measure that violates previous inter-Korean agreements.

U.S., Philippines launch war games after China's Taiwan military drills, ship collision

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

Thousands of U.S. and Filipino troops launched joint exercises in the northern and western Philippines on Tuesday, after China held huge drills around Taiwan and a Chinese vessel collided with a Filipino patrol boat.

The annual Kamandag, or Venom, exercises are focussed on defending the north coast of the Philippines' main island of Luzon, which lies about 800 km from self-ruled Taiwan.

Beijing considers Taiwan part of its territory and has vowed it will never rule out using force to take it.

United front: Military personnel from the U.S., Philippines and other nations at the opening ceremony of the drills in Manila. AFP

The joint U.S.-Filipino exercises also come days after a collision between a Chinese and a Philippine vessel in the South China Sea.

The western Philippine island of Palawan, facing the South China Sea, will also host part of the drills.

The U.S. and Philippines are fielding just over a thousand participants each, while smaller numbers of Australian, British, Japanese and South Korean forces are also taking part.

Record 153 Chinese aircraft fly over Taiwan

Agence France-Presse
TAIPEI

Taiwan detected a record 153 Chinese military aircraft around the self-ruled island, official data showed on Tuesday, after China held a day of large-scale drills.

The aircraft were spotted in the 25 hours to 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday (2200 GMT Monday), the Defence Ministry said – the most for a single day.

Beijing deployed fighter jets, drones, warships and coast guard boats to encircle Taiwan on Monday, with Taiwan responding by dispatching "appropriate forces" and placing its outlying islands on heightened alert.

Myanmar armed group seizes another vital town

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

Fighters from a Myanmar ethnic armed group have seized another town along a strategic highway to China, in the latest setback for the embattled junta.

The Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) captured the last remaining military base in the town of Hsipaw on Sunday, the group said.

Hsipaw is home to around 20,000 people and sits on a highway from Myanmar's second city Mandalay to the China border, along which millions of dollars of trade travels.

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e-TENDER NOTICE (Running Contract)

Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T551/2024	Wheel Chair, Multichannel Pipette-Various Types, Ceiling Suspended IV Stand	N.A.	26.10.2024 5.00 p.m.
2.	T552(R) / 2024	Hormone Analyzer-POCT, Biomedical Liquid Nitrogen Storage Container with Accessories, Penta Head Microscope, Hematology Slide Stainer, Fully Manual Rotary Microtome, Minimal Invasive Spine Surgery Instruments, Sterilizer various Types, Neuro Muscular Stimulator TOF monitor with Accelerometer, Fractional CO2 Laser, Circulatory Support System, Medical Gas Analyzer, Phantom Head Simulator Unit with Centralized Compressor Unit and Air Connection to each unit, Great Platinum Stirrups, Special Retractors and Instruments for doing Pelvi Acetabular Surgeries, Ventilator Calibration Analyzer, Flit Pump, Dusting Unit, Hydrogen Sulphite Test Kit, Tonopen, TMJ Arthroscopy Set Type B, Cranial stabilization System with all accessories, Vortex Mixture, OT Table (Ophthalmic) with Chair, HBA1C Analyzer, Test kit for New Born Screening Programme (Immuno Fluorescence Method), Compressor for Autoclave, Dental Acrylzer, Dental Assistants Stool, Dental Cabinet, Laparoscopic Video Choledochoscope, Minor OT Table, Dental Hydraulic Press, Electric Cast Cutter, EndoDontic Machine, Electric Hot air Oven (Dental), Dewaxing Bath unit (Dental), Dental Melting Torch, Exercise Table	N.A.	08.11.2024 5.00 p.m.

Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director (Tender Inviting Authority)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
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e- Tender Notice

NOTIFICATION OF STATE LEVEL REGIONAL TENDER (4-REGIONS) FOR PROCUREMENT OF EGGS (HEN) AS PER AGMARK SPECIFICATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR
Tender Roc. No.4640/NMP/2024, dated 16.10.2024

Bids are invited for the procurement of eggs under Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R Nutritious Meal Programme and Integrated Child Development Services for a period of one year. The details are available in the e- procurement portal **http://tntenders.gov.in.**

DIPR/4279/TENDER/2024 **Director cum Mission Director**

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Electronic Bids are invited from eligible original manufactures/importers/ authorized distributors on E-Procurement portal for Establishment of BSL-3 Laboratory on Turnkey Basis of estimated cost Rs 250.00 lacs. All the details, terms and conditions related to this E-Tender-01 are available on SPPP website **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **www.rajuvas.org** and further can be downloaded and uploaded for electronic submission on E-Proc. website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from 09.10.2024 to 08.11.2024 by 4:00 PM.

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3. Tender Cost : **Rs.10,000/-**
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5. Date & Time of available in web site & receipt of Bids : From **18.10.2024 to 17.00 Hours of 02.11.2024.**
6. Date of opening of Technical Bid : **03.11.2024 at 11.00 Hours.**
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Specification No. 01/2024/ARR/DTR-214 **Dated 10.10.2024.**

Chief Engineer/ARR & TR, PSPCL, Patiala has invited e-tender as per tender specifications for engagement of the services of consultant/consulting agency for preparation/filing of MYT Tariff Petition for 4th Control Period, True-up Petition and ARR Petition every year during the period from FY 2025-26 to 2027-28 and filing of Capital Investment Plan & Business Plan for the 4th Control Period as per the requirement of PSERC and other assignments.
For more details, please refer to website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 16.10.2024 at 11 AM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in only.

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Will keep our options open for the playing XI, says Rohit

K. MURALI KUMAR

India skipper Rohit Sharma, when asked about the possible playing XI in the first Test against New Zealand, said: "We will keep our options open in terms of playing three seamers or three spinners. We will come here tomorrow [Wednesday] morning, see what the conditions are like, and then take a call."

QUALITY SIDE

India has a lot of match-winners, says NZ skipper Latham

K. MURALI KUMAR

New Zealand captain Tom Latham knows the formidable task his team faces. "India has a lot of match-winners who can take the game away from you pretty quickly. We are obviously going to have to play really well. We're looking forward to the challenge," he said about the upcoming three-Test series against India.

HARSH REALITY

This team has shown no growth in the last three years, says Mithali

GETTY IMAGES

Former India captain Mithali Raj on Tuesday attributed the National team's underwhelming performance in the Women's T20 World Cup to a lack of growth across departments. "In the last two, three years, I've not really seen any growth in this team... every other team has shown growth despite limited depth. We have not."

THE STAR

Nissanka sets up Lanka's thumping win over Windies in second T20I

AFP

Pathum Nissanka's 49-ball 54 was the cornerstone of Sri Lanka's 73-run victory over West Indies in the second T20I at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium on Tuesday.
The scores: Sri Lanka 162/5 in 20 overs (Nissanka 54) bt West Indies 89 in 16.1 overs (Wellalage 3/9); **Toss:** Sri Lanka; **PoM:** Nissanka.

India keen to seal WTC final spot as it takes on NZ

A series sweep should take Rohit's men to the marquee contest at Lord's; the visitors, without Williamson, will find it tough to rewrite their record in India; rain likely on the first two days

NZ IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Rain could disrupt proceedings in the first India-New Zealand Test which commences at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Wednesday.

Heavy showers forced both teams to call off their training sessions on Tuesday. Play is likely to be interrupted in the first two days of the Test, at a minimum.

New Zealand will be wary regardless, as India recently showed that even a heavily truncated encounter cannot stop its march to victory.

Bangladesh learnt the hard way, going down in two days in the second Test at Kanpur earlier this month.

Ominous sign: Threat of rain hangs over the Test match at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. K. MURALI KUMAR

Poor performance

The Kiwis must overcome a particularly poor record in India. The last Test win on these shores came all the way back in 1988 at Bombay, inspired by stellar shows from John Bracewell and Richard Hadlee. The 19 Tests that have followed have resulted in 10 losses and nine draws. To make the task harder, key batter Kane Williamson is out for the first match due to a groin strain. Fast bowler Ben Sears, known to hurry batters with extra zip off the pitch, is also out injured. His replacement, uncapped Otago Volts bowler Jacob Duffy, will not be able to reach the city in time for start of play.

> It does not matter who the opposition is. What is important for us is how we can do better than before
> **ROHIT SHARMA**

> Disappointing not to have Williamson. Fingers crossed — he will be ready as soon as possible. Young will play
> **TOM LATHAM**

The visitor is expected to rely heavily on spinners Mitchell Santner, Rachin Ravindra, Glenn Phillips and Ajaz Patel to carry the bulk of the load.

A 0-2 loss to Sri Lanka last month cannot help confidence.

Sitting pretty

India, meanwhile, is sitting pretty on a six-match winning streak. A 3-0 sweep in this series, which will guarantee a spot in the World Test Championship final, serves as timely motivation.

If India can manage to secure early passage to the summit clash, it will considerably reduce the pressure when the side tours to Australia later this year for five Tests.

The rain and damp pitch could prompt India to feature three pacers in Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep. The trio is more than capable of turning it on in the absence of an injured Mohammed Shami.

Focus on Ashwin, Jadeja

Spinners R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, who took 11 and nine wickets respectively in the Bangladesh series, will once again prove to be a handful.

On the batting front, Virat Kohli will welcome the chance to feature in his second home. Kohli will hold fond memories of scoring 103 and 51 n.o. against the same opposition at this venue in 2012, to hand India a hard-fought win.

Yashasvi Jaiswal, who found form in the Bangladesh games, is capable of deflating the opposition in a single session. The young opener

received high praise from his captain Rohit Sharma. "The guy has got real talent. He has got the game to play in all conditions. From what he has shown us in this brief period of time, you can bet on him and expect him to do wonders for the team. We have found a great player," Rohit said.

By all accounts, India's proud home record - the last series defeat came at the hands of England in 2012 - is set to continue.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Jasprit Bumrah (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, K.L. Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant, Dhruv Jurel, R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep.

New Zealand: Tom Latham (Capt.), Tom Blundell, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee and Will Young.

(Match starts at 9.30 a.m.).

Want to create a group of pacers and have plenty of options: Rohit

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

India Test captain Rohit Sharma threw his weight behind the four travelling reserves – Harshit Rana, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Mayank Yadav and Prasidh Krishna.

The four cricketers could be taken to the five-Test series in Australia next month, Rohit said.

"The reason we wanted to keep them close to us was because we are thinking of taking them to Australia. We want to monitor them and see their workload. A lot of these guys have had injuries in the past, so it is important that we try and build them up. We want to create a group of fast bowlers where we have eight or nine options, not three or four options," Rohit said at a press conference here on the eve of the first India-New Zealand Test.

Prasidh, however, bowled only eight overs for Karnataka in its Ranji Trophy match against Madhya Pradesh a few days ago.

Mayank. K. MURALI KUMAR

Not rushing Shami

Rohit explained that it would be wrong to rush an injured Mohammed Shami into action. If he is not fully fit and ready for the rigours of red-ball cricket, Shami will not travel to Australia, Rohit said.

"It is very difficult for us to make a call on him (Shami). He recently had a setback. He had a swelling in his knee, which was quite unusual. Just when he was getting close to 100 per cent fitness, he had this swelling. That has put him back a little bit in his recovery," Rohit said.

"He is working with the physios and doctors at NCA. We want him to be 100 percent fit. We don't want to bring an undercooked Shami to Australia. That will not be the right decision. He has not played cricket for a year. It is quite tough for a fast bowler (to return to action), having missed so much cricket.

"We want to give him enough time to recover. He is supposed to play a couple of games before he plays international cricket. We will see where he is at after this New Zealand series, and then take a call at what stage of the Australia tour he will be fit."

Subcontinent outfits fail to kick on in global showpiece

WOMEN'S T20 WC

Lavanya L
DUBAI

New Zealand's win over Pakistan in the Women's T20 World Cup saw the latter get knocked out, along with India, on Monday. It meant that no subcontinent team remained in contention.

In the nine editions of the T20 World Cup so far, India is the only subcontinent side to make the knockouts, reaching the semifinals five times.

Of the four sides in this World Cup, India was the strongest, largely courtesy of its competitive ecosystem. A robust and fairly set-in-stone domestic structure and two seasons of the Women's Premier League (WPL) have given domestic cricketers a visible platform.

The creamy layer of Indian players – Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Deepti Sharma and Jemimah Rodrigues – have also been plying their trade in various franchise leagues.

India came into the current edition with elaborate plans, including experimentation with the batting line-up in 10 months leading to the World Cup. While Sri Lanka and Pakistan had international fixtures between the Asia Cup and the World Cup, India and Bangladesh – largely due to political strife – did not. Back home, separate camps for fitness, fielding and skills were held in Bengaluru, alongside intra-squad games.

Fading away: India did not secure a spot in the knockouts for the first time under Harmanpreet's captaincy. GETTY IMAGES

But when the action got underway, it was a below-par show with India managing just two wins in four games, both coming against the weaker sides. The final nail was the nine-run loss to Australia where India's age-old fault lines came to the fore. Incidentally, India failed to secure a spot in the knockouts for the first time under Harmanpreet's captaincy.

The other three Asian teams – Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka – largely rely on their captains. Led by Fatima Sana in this edition, Pakistan – much like the men's side – has stagnated due to constant change in leadership and the lack of domestic framework. The players not getting their salaries for four months did not help either.

Against New Zealand, Sana's side dropped eight catches, many of them regulation ones. Pakistan's batting has been its biggest weakness, with just a couple of players (Sana included) looking competitive at this level.

Nigar Sultana has had a similar story in Bangladesh. While the bowling unit has taken 19 of the possible 40 wickets in group games, the other departments have not kept up.

Asian champion Sri Lanka came into the tournament on a high, led by Chamari Athapaththu.

But that bubble burst quite spectacularly in the group stage, more so with Athapaththu having a tournament to forget with the bat.

Joseph and Matthews put WI in last four

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Captain Hayley Matthews and her opening partner Qiana Joseph struck fine half-centuries as the West Indies registered a thumping six-wicket win over England to qualify for the semifinals of the Women's T20 World Cup here on Tuesday. England was knocked out.

Matthews (50, 38b, 7x4, 1x6) and Joseph (52, 38b, 6x4, 2x6) were involved in a 102-run stand in 12.2 overs.

The scores: England 141/7 in 20 overs (Sciver-Brunt 57 n.o., Matthews 2/35, Fletcher 3/21) lost to West Indies 142/4 in 18 overs (Matthews 50, Joseph 52).
Toss: WI; **PoM:** Joseph.
Final standings: Group A: Australia 4-4-0-8 (+2.223); New Zealand 4-3-1-6 (+0.879); India 4-2-2-4 (+0.322); Pakistan 4-1-3-2 (-1.040); Sri Lanka 4-0-4-0 (-2.173).
Group B: West Indies 4-3-1-6 (+1.536); South Africa 4-3-1-6 (+1.382); England 4-3-1-6 (+1.091); Bangladesh 4-1-3-2 (-0.844); Scotland 4-0-4-0 (-3.129).
Semifinal line-up:
Oct. 17: Australia vs South Africa, Dubai, 7.30 p.m. IST; **Oct. 18:** New Zealand vs West Indies, Sharjah, 7.30 p.m.; **Final: Oct. 20**, Dubai, 7.30 p.m.

Udita leads India list in HIL women's auction

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Experienced defender Udita Duhan turned out to be the catch of the day, becoming the most expensive player during the first-ever Hockey India League women's auction on Tuesday while Dutch star Yibbi Jansen became the most sought-after foreign buy.

Udita was bought by Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers for ₹32 lakh, leading the Indian players' list, followed by promising young forwards Lalremsiami (25 lakh), Sunelita Toppo (24 lakh) and Sangita Kumari (22 lakh). Jansen, the top-scorer in Netherlands' gold-winning side at the Paris Olympics, went for 29 lakh to Odisha warriors, led by former India coach Janneke Schopman.

Captain Savita Punia was snapped up for 20 lakh by Soorma HC, re-uniting her with former teammate and captain Rani Rampal, who is the coach and mentor with the JSW-owned team, while the wily Vandana Katariya barely broke the base price, going for 10.5 lakh to Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers.

With just four teams in the fray for this year, the auction saw several big names go unsold as the miniscule purse of 2 crore per franchise meant the teams struggled to push hard for the players they wanted. Halfway through the auction, Hockey India announced that unsold players from the national senior and junior women's sides - with original base prices of 10 and 5 lakh - had been allowed to lower the same to 2 lakh.

Udita. GETTY IMAGES

A total of 80 players were bought in the open auction before the teams decided to take a break and went for a closed bid for a limited number of players they were interested in.

"We know how the men's team benefited from the HIL last time. I am sure this league will similarly help identify and groom young women and will reflect in the national team's performances," she said.

Top buys: Indians: Udita (₹32 lakh, Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers), Lalremsiami (25, Bengal Tigers), Sunelita Toppo (24, Delhi SG Pipers), Sangita Kumari (22, Delhi SG Pipers), Vaishnavi Phalke (21, Soorma HC).
Overseas: Yibbi Jansen (Ned, 29 - Odisha Warriors), Charlotte Stapenhorst (Ger, 16 - Soorma HC), Jocelyn Bartram (Aus, 15 - Odisha Warriors), Ambre Ballenghien (Bel, 14 - Bengal Tigers), Claire Colwil (Aus, 13 - Odisha).

INBRIEF

Hathurusingha suspended, Simmons to take over

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has suspended men's team head coach Chandika Hathurusingha due to inappropriate conduct by him during last year's ODI World Cup in India. Hathurusingha will be sacked and replaced by former West Indies player Phil Simmons. According to *ESPNcricinfo*, Simmons will be in charge of the Bangladesh team until next year's ICC Champions Trophy. The contract of the 56-year-old Hathurusingha was to expire after the 2025 Champions Trophy.

Lakshya and Malvika exit in round one; Sindhu advances

India's Lakshya Sen battled hard against China's Lu Guang Zu but ultimately lost in three games to make an early exit from the Denmark Open Super 750 badminton tournament at Odense on Tuesday. Lakshya lost 21-12, 19-21, 14-21 to Lu in a first-round match that lasted 70 minutes. Malvika Bansod went down to Vietnam's Nguyen Thuy Linh 13-21, 12-21. The Panda sisters – Rutaparna and Swetaparna – bowed out after an 18-21, 22-24 loss to Chinese Taipei's Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tun in women's doubles. P.V. Sindhu moved into the second round after her opponent Pai Yu Po of Chinese Taipei retired midway through the second game with the Indian leading 21-8, 13-7.

I want to play Test cricket for India, says Samson

The leadership group told me that it was considering me for the longest format and asked me to take it seriously by playing more Ranji Trophy matches, reveals the wicketkeeper-batter

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Sanju Samson said he was keen and eager to play Test cricket and wants to become an all-format player for India.

"I believe I have the skill-set to succeed in red-ball cricket and I just don't want to be restricted to white-ball cricket. I desire to play Tests for India. Before the Duleep Trophy, the leadership group had told me that they were considering me for red-ball cricket and asked me to take it seriously and play more Ranji Trophy matches," Samson said in an interaction with the media here on Tuesday.

"My preparation was good this time around. After the series against Sri Lanka, I trained at the RR Academy with Rahul Dravid sir and Zubin Bharucha worked on my game. The century in the Duleep Trophy has given me a lot of confidence as it came against some of the best bowlers in the country," Samson added.

Samson thanked the Indian team management for backing him in the Bangladesh series despite the failures in Sri Lanka. "Suryakumar (Yadav) is a good communicator and there is clarity in what he wants from the players. He is a good leader and players trust him. Gautam (Gambhir) *bhai* has always supported and backed me. When you have someone as a coach who believes in your ability, playing cricket becomes more enjoyable," said Samson.

"Normally when you play for India you are not sure of your role. But this time, I was told three weeks in advance that I would be playing as an opener against Bangladesh. I was mentally prepared for the new role," said Samson.

On hitting five sixes off Rishad Hossain's over: "I believe in playing fearless cricket and not shying away from taking the odd risk. It was my dream to hit five sixes in a match and I was in my zone that day and it came off," said Samson who hasn't stopped seeing the replays of his century against Bangladesh.

The trigger: Samson feels the Duleep Trophy knock put him in good stead for the Bangladesh T20Is. FILE PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Debutant Ghulam defies England

ENG IN PAK

Agence France-Presse
MULTAN

Kamran Ghulam hit a superb century on his debut to guide Pakistan to 259 for five on the opening day of the second Test against England here on Tuesday.

The 29-year-old replaced out-of-form Babar Azam at number four and foiled England's aggressive bowling and fielding to score a brilliant 118.

At close, Mohammad Rizwan and Salman Agha were unbeaten on 37 and five respectively. The day ended Ghulam's frustrating long wait for a place in the Pakistan team.

Ghulam. AFP

The scores: Pakistan 259/5 in 90 overs (Ghulam 118, Ayub 77, Rizwan 37 batting) vs England.

Shreyas keen to don all-rounder's hat for Karnataka

N. Sudarshan
INDORE

Karnataka is blessed with so much talent that not many who leave the state in search of greener pastures are ever welcomed back. Shreyas Gopal is one of those rare cricketers who has bucked the trend.

After turning out for Kerala in 2023-24, the 31-year-old leg-spinning all-rounder is back at his home state, eager to help Karnataka taste the Ranji Trophy success that has remained elusive since the 2014-15 season.

"I know that not many people have been called back in the past. So, I consider myself lucky to have got that opportunity," Shreyas told *The Hindu* on the sidelines of Karnataka's Ranji opener against Madhya Pradesh here. "It is important that I make the most of it."

Upgrade: Shreyas says he has been focusing on fine-tuning his skills with the red ball. N. SUDARSHAN

In the 2022-23 First Class season, there was a feeling that Shreyas had become more of a batter than a bowler. In eight matches, he took 15 wickets but scored 360 runs at an average of 45. While batting remains important, Shreyas has spent the last 12 months shoring up his mental strength and being more aggressive as a bowler.

"Maybe two years back, I was bowling well with the white ball but not as well with the red," he said. "The margin of error with the red ball is so little. So, I knew I had to fine-tune that a little bit.

"I'm glad that I can [now] bowl say 20 overs a day. I have not had those long [spells] before, probably because I was bowling the odd loose ball."

Karnataka will hope that this belief drives Shreyas to the standards he set in 2018-19 when he took 32 wickets and scored 524 runs from 10 First Class games.

"I would love to get 30-35 wickets, if not more. And 500 plus runs... that would be a great target to have," he said. "But I don't want to tell myself something that puts pressure. If I can tell myself that I want to bowl better than what I bowl everyday, even by 1%, I think I'll be hitting the targets I have set."

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Afreen at the helm

Afreen Peerbhoy will lead Karnataka in the 29th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy to be held in Nadia, West Bengal, from Oct. 19 to 23.

The team: Afreen Peerbhoy (Capt.), Rivka Ramji, Aruni Singh, A. Dhanushree, A. Aiswarya, Tanvi Nair, Aabha Kudale, Ruthu Sreenandan, Ananya Susan Thomas, Advika Kanojia, M. Aishwarya, Aarushi Santhosh, B. Harpitha, E. Jayashree, Monalisha Marandi, Maitreyi Palasamudram, K.U. Spoorthi, D. Janani, M. Manasa, Bhavya V. Sanjana, Hema Munda and Tanusree Roy.

No play due to rain

First day's action at the SKME ITF Open $15,000 women's tennis tournament at the KSLTA courts was cancelled following incessant rain.

Dwi is GFBA head coach

Game Fit Badminton Academy (GFBA), formerly Level Up Badminton, announced the appointment of Agus Dwi Santosa as the head coach of the academy. Dwi Santosa, whose career spans decades, has trained some of the world's top shuttlers, including P.V. Sindhu and Hendrawan, K. Srikanth and Sai Praneeth.

He has also had tenures as national coach of India, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. Dwi Santosa will be leading the Gifted Athlete Program, an initiative specifically tailored towards players who possess exceptional talent but have not yet been able to gain access to top-draw coaching.

Taking charge: Dwi Santosa at the academy with the kids.

Joshua sizzles

Joshua D' Silva scored four times as BFC thrashed ASC & Centre FC 8-1 in the UrbanRise BDFA Super Division football league here on Tuesday.

The results: BFC 8 (Joshua D' Silva 3, 22, 29, 53, Soham Varshneya 9, C.K. Rashid 39, 42, Taroem Kelvin Singh 44) bt ASC & Centre FC 1 (Wahengbam Niraj Singh 86).

Germany enters quarterfinals

NATIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Germany secured a place in the UEFA Nations League quarterfinals with a 1-0 win over old rival the Netherlands on Monday, while France won in Belgium and Italy continued its recent revival. Jamie Leweling scored on his debut to give Germany victory over the Netherlands in Munich and guarantee it one of the top two spots in Group 3 of League A. Germany has 10 points from four games and will take part in the quarterfinals next March. The Netherlands, which was without the suspended Virgil van Dijk, is level on five points with Hungary.

Italy remains top of Group A2 after easing to a 4-1 win at home to Israel in Udine. Mateo Retegui opened the scoring with a penalty shortly before half-time and captain Giovanni Di Lorenzo netted twice in the second half. Davide Frattesi also scored for Italy, with Mohammad Abu Fani pulling one back for Israel. France is a point behind Italy.

The results: League A:
Group 2 Belgium 1 (Openda 45+3) lost to France 2 (Kolo Muani 35-pen, 62); Italy 4 (Retegui 41-pen, Di Lorenzo 54, 79, Frattesi 72) bt Israel 1 (Abu Fani 66).
A3: Germany 1 (Leweling 64) bt Netherlands 0; Bosnia and Herzegovina 0 lost to Hungary 2 (Szoboszlai 38, 50-pen).
B1: Georgia 0 lost to Albania 1 (Asllani 48); Ukraine 1 (Dovbyk 53-pen) drew with Czech Republic 1 (Cerv 18). **B4:** Iceland 2 (Oskarsson 3, Gudjohnsen 83) lost to Turkey 4 (Kahveci 62, Calhanoglu 67-pen, Guler 88, Kerem Akturkoglu 90+5); Wales 1 (Wilson 36-pen) bt Montenegro 0.
C1: Azerbaijan 1 (Bayramov 38) lost to Slovakia 3 (Mammadov 15-og, Haraslin 75, Duris 87); Estonia 0 lost to Sweden 3 (Nanasi 29, 37, Gyokeres 66).

LIVE TELECAST

India vs New Zealand: 1st Test, day 1, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.

Pakistan vs England: 2nd Test, day 2, FanCode, 10.30 a.m.

Only connect — the essence of T20 batting, and India's new freedom

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Many years ago, I interviewed the coach of the Uruguayan football team, and something he said has stayed with me ever since. Speaking of Brazil's skill, he said that often the players would suddenly break into a pattern or complete a move that caught even their coach by surprise. Metaphorically, it caused jaws to drop and grown men to drool.

India's T20 batting is doing that now. Sometimes it is difficult to understand where the strokes come from – although many work on these at the nets and away from public scrutiny. Suryakumar Yadav's flick or shovel high into the stands between square leg and the sight screen behind the wicketkeeper is so much a part of his game now that the initial shock has worn off.

Clearly, there is no limit to what a player can do armed with just a bat and lots of imagination – such things as eye, fitness, attitude being taken for granted, of course.

Some of the strokes can be put down to the orthodox being carried to its logical extreme. When Sanju Samson moved to leg and twice drove Taskin Ahmed past cover in the Hyderabad carnage against Bangladesh, it was stunning but could be explained by traditional metrics. The second stroke was played rocking back slightly, but even that could be *understood*.

In fact, despite making 111 off just 47 deliveries, Samson seldom went outside the parameters of orthodoxy; he only seemed to do everything more quickly and with better timing or power. The ball didn't have to be bowled short to be pulled into the stands, and neither did it have to be pitched up to be driven to the boundary. When Mustafizur Rahman bowled one coming into him and giving no room, Samson's response was a casual six over extra cover. This is skill of a high order.

And just as you were thinking such shots could not be repeated, Hardik Pandya did so, off Tanzim Hasan. Riyan Parag, Rinku Singh, in fact everyone from No.1 to No.8 is capable of strokes that are inexplicable but seem inevitable after execution.

Like something from a great musician or mathematician, the natural response to these would be: "How did he do that? How *could* he do that?" This is not a direct comparison between cricket and the arts – the commonality lies in the reaction to the effort.

In the second match, Hardik didn't even bother to watch the ball onto the bat or look to see where he had hit it (Taskin was the bowler). It was like a favourite uncle's card trick to a child!

Rather like the Brazilian football team, the Indians have worked out the angles, and taken command of the empty spaces to drive the ball through. Hundreds of hours of practice have allowed them to play both the shots they practised as well as those beyond mere practice. It is this latter that has been magical. The precision needed to dig out a potential yorker and scoop it over point for six, as Suryakumar does routinely, is staggering.

In the commentary box, even Sunil Gavaskar, the epitome of batting orthodoxy could not hide his excitement. It pointed to the essential difference between traditional cricket and T20 – the former is about the process, the latter about the result. If Test batsmanship is built on the coaching manual, T20 owes its philosophy to what the novelist E.M. Forster said in another context: Only connect.

Perhaps it has taken the retirement of Virat Kohli to free up the T20 thinking in the Indian approach. That, and something Kohli can take some credit for – a lack of selfishness. Young players no longer fear the axe and play a 'safe' game. Samson, following his recent poor scores resisted the temptation to merely add runs but went hammer and tongs from the start. The big score was just a matter of time.

There is a famous goal in World Cup 1970 where Brazil's Jairzinho scores against England after a series of often astonishing moves. At least a couple of others might have scored, but he was the best-placed. That had spontaneity and freedom, and above all, surprise – the elements coming together now in India's T20 batting.

Sonam wins air rifle silver in WC Final

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Sonam Maskar hoisted the Indian flag by winning the women's air rifle silver behind Olympic champion Huang Yuting of China in the shooting World Cup Final at the Dr. Karni Singh Range on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Sonam qualified strong with 632.1 and showed remarkable assurance in front of the packed crowd while delivering a medal for the host.

Huang - who had won the individual silver and the mixed gold in the Paris Games - had to shoot a world record 254.5 to deny the Indian a better medal.

Sonam was one of the four Indian shooters to get direct entry for the championship as she had won the individual and mixed silver medal in the Cairo World Cup earlier in the season.

Tilottama Sen also made the final, but was struggling to find her rhythm and ended up sixth, one spot ahead of Anna Janssen of Germany who shot a qualification world record of 636.9.

Two more rounds will be shot on Wednesday in the shotgun events, and the finals will be held on Thursday.

China was on top of the medals table with three gold, and was followed by France with one gold and a bronze. India was joint third with Germany, Hungary and Taiwan, with a silver.

The results: 10m air rifle: Men: 1. Sheng Lihao (Chn) 251.4 (631.6); 2. Istvan Peni (Hun) 251.3 (629.2); 3. Jiri Privratsky (Cze) 229.8 (631.3); 5. Arjun Babuta 188.3 (631.6); 8. Divyansh Singh Panwar 124.0 (631.2).
Women: 1. Huang Yuting (Chn) 254.4 (WR) 633.3; 2. Sonam Maskar 252.9 (632.1); 3. Oceanne Muller (Fra) 231.1 (634.0); 6. Tilottama Sen 167.7 (628.9).
10m air pistol: Men: 1. Xie Yu (Chn) 244.6 (588); 2. Robin Walter (GEr) 243.3 (579); 3. Federico Maldini (Ita) 221.7 (579); 8. Arjun Singh Cheema 109.9 (580); 10. Varun Tomar 575.
Women: 1. Camille Jedrzejewski (Fra) 240.8 (575); 2. Heng Yu Liu (Tpe) 237.4 (571); 3. Hala Elgohari (Egy) 215.7 (571); 4. Rhythm Sangwan 197.2 (579); 5. Surbhi Rao 176.6 (574).